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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, fifth from right, and Tan Holdings Corp. CEO and president Jerry Tan, fifth from left, raise their hands in a celebratory gesture after cutting the ribbon that signaled the grand opening of the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan yesterday afternoon—an event that was attended by key Crowne Plaza Resort and IHG management and members of the business community. Others in photo, from left, are Robert Coates, general manager, Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan; Thomas Mayrhofer, regional general manager, Crowne Plaza Resort Guam & Saipan; Abhijay Sandilya, managing director, IHG Japan; Lydia Tan, wife of Jerry Tan; Most Rev. Ryan P. Jimenez, D.D., Bishop of Chalan Kanoa Diocese; first lady Diann Torres; Jennifer Tan, director S.A.I Leisure (Tan Holdings Corp.), and House Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan).

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CORRESPONDENT

Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan was officially unveiled to the public yesterday afternoon with a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony at the newly revamped hotel in the presence of ranking Commonwealth officials in both the public and private sectors.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and first lady Diann Torres were joined by, among others, Tan Holdings presi-

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NAP increases max allotments

The fiscal year 2023 Cost-of-Living Adjustments to the Nutrition Assistance Program maximum allotments, income eligibility standards, and resources limits have been increased. COLAs are effective on Nov. 1, 2022, for Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands.

Manglona Hocog

A family of four receiving a maximum allotment on Saipan will increase from $1,231 to $1,385. On Tinian, a family of four receiving a maximum allotment will increase from $1,301 to $1,464. On Rota and Northern Islands, a family of four receiving maximum allotment will increase from $1,498 to $1,685.

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» 12 palapala, among 8 projects, will be built at Garapan Fishing Base where vendors can sell their newly caught fish

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REPORTER

The CNMI is receiving from the U.S. Department of Commerce Pacific Islands Regional Office $889,984 for eight projects, including money to build 12 pavilions

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Manglona, Indalecio ask OAG, USAO to investigate, prosecute Hocog

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Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) and military veteran Fabian M. Indalecio have requested the U.S. Attorney's Office and the CNMI Office of the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute Sen. Victor B. Hocog (R-Rota) for allegedly threatening them with violence and seeking to inflict physical violence upon them in separate Senate sessions.

Manglona and Indalecio submitted a joint letter dated Friday, Oct. 28, and addressed to the U.S. Attorney's Office and CNMI OAG, asking for the investigation.

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E-Land Group awards $5,000 in Education Tax Credit to Sinapalo Elementary School for placing first in the Marianas Village Pride Campaign's elementary school division. The GCEA is pleased to welcome back the E-Land Group as a gold sponsor in the Marianas School Pride Program. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

E-Land leads sponsorship of school pride program

» **The council encourages businesses to use Education Tax Credits to support the expanded beautification-based program now in all Marianas schools**

The Governor's Council of Economic Advisers welcomed yesterday the first official sponsor of the Marianas School Pride Campaign. E-Land Group has committed to return for a second year to sponsor the council's beautification-based program that has expanded into all public and private schools on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

Participation in this program is estimated at more than 11,000 students throughout the islands. MSP is an extension of GCEA's Public Private Partnership program. The 2022-23 program began on Sept. 26 and will run until May 2023.

The E-Land Group was previously a Marianas Village Pride Campaign Gold Sponsor, in which they gave $7,500 in Education Tax Credit and in-kind contributions. This year, the E-Land Group has re-committed to being a Gold Sponsor and will be giving the winning schools' ETC donations. In the Marianas, companies can receive tax credits for their support of education programs for up to $5,000 annually.

GCEA co-chairman Jerry Tan thanks the E-Land Group on behalf of the council. "E-Land Group has been an incredible community partner and a strong supporter of GCEA's community outreach programs during the past two years. We thank E-Land for reaffirming their commitment to our programs and we are pleased to announce that they are our first sponsor for this school year," he said.

Brian Shin, the E-Land Group chief executive officer, said their company is pleased to recommit its sponsorship for the Marianas School Pride program. "We would like to thank GCEA for initiating the campaign in which students take the lead in community beautification. We've seen the differences that was made through PPP and MVP, and as a result, E-Land will continue to support this meaningful cause," he said.

Sponsorship opportunities are available now

To successfully run the activities and contests for Marianas students, the GCEA is currently seeking sponsors for the campaign. GCEA gratefully accepts various forms of sponsorship from the community and interested business partners, including donations of education tax credits, cash for prizes and the production of village flags, in-kind support and supplies for MSP programs, advertising sponsorships, and contest prizes. All ETC donations are used as prizes given directly to the schools, where the money is used for improvements or to purchase much-needed supplies and equipment.

"We welcome other businesses to join the movement, support the Marianas School Pride Program, get involved in beautification projects in their

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State funeral held in honor of officer who died in training

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Law enforcement agencies in the CNMI gathered Friday morning to participate in a state funeral for a Department of Public Safety officer who died over a week ago during a diving certification course.

According to Department of Public Safety spokesperson Adrian Pangelinan, DPS, joined by the Department of Corrections, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, and the CNMI Department of Homeland Security, held a state funeral for veteran officer Jackson Kaipat Davis last Friday.

Davis, 35, died while diving in Laulau Bay last Oct. Oct. 18 while participating in a three-day diving certification course.

The funeral began with a Mass and public viewing at the Kristo Rai Parish in Garapan.

A procession for Davis soon followed beginning from Kristo Rai, along Beach Road, down to the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, where another public viewing was held before he was finally laid to rest at the Mount Carmel cemetery.

DFEMS also did a water salute along Beach Road as the procession passed. Law enforcement agencies also flew their flags at half-staff throughout the day in honor of Davis.

"He will be missed. It's not going to be the same without him. We will cherish the memories we had with him within the department. May he rest in peace," a fellow officer told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to a previous press release from DPS, police received a call from an on-duty officer on Oct. 18, 2022, at approximately 4:42pm, who reported that a fellow officer needed immediate medical attention in the Laulau Bay area. DPS said the officer and their team were going through a three-day dive certification course.

Sometime during the afternoon dive, the officer, later identified as Davis, was brought to shore where medical attention was provided and continued when the DFEMS medics arrived, and throughout the transport to the Commonwealth Health Center.

After several attempts to revive the officer, an attending physician pronounced the officer dead at 5:23pm.

"We send our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and co-workers of the eight-year veteran of the department," DPS stated.

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Firetrucks of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services perform a water salute as the procession carrying the remains of officer Jackson Kaipat Davis passed along Beach Road on the way to a public viewing at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center. A water salute is when two firetrucks on opposite sides of a road fire their water cannons into the air, creating an arc of water over the street.

MVA revives Christmas in the Marianas Illumination project

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The Marianas Visitors Authority will be reviving its annual Christmas in the Marianas Illumination project this year after a two-year suspension as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MVA product development manager Tiana Reyes said the annual project—essentially a walk-through exhibit of lit-up Christmas-related sculptures—was put on hold for over two years because of COVID-19. However, MVA is set to bring it back this year starting on Dec. 1.

"This year, we are…going to create a walk-through light sculpture experience, for people to experience something different. During the pandemic, we were used to drive-throughs, but I think with the pandemic slowly fading away, we wanted to create a more in-person and immersive experience overall. We are aiming to light it up on Dec. 1, but work to be done starts as early as Nov. 1," she said.

In a previous MVA board meeting, the board voted to approve the management's request to allocate $200,000 to the project.

Reyes explained that the walk-through will mirror the layout of the annual Taste of the Marianas event and will be held at the Garapan Fishing base.

"The walk-through will be taking place closer to the clinic area and it's going to be in a U shape. It won't be like the biggest, but it will take that side of the Fishing Base toward the end and we'll create the walk-through there," Reyes said.

MVA anticipates the construction of at least 20 sculptures and they will all be symbols related to the Marianas like the *mwar*, the latte stone, and more.

Reyes said the project is a collaboration among MVA and other government agencies like the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Department of Public Lands, and more.

"I wouldn't say that there's too many obstacles we're facing; it's all a matter of a time crunch. So we are all working together to make sure that everything that we can take care of is done in a timely and efficient manner to make sure that it happens this year," Reyes said.

Inmate sues DOC officials for allegedly failing to provide him with medical care

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A Department of Corrections inmate has filed a lawsuit with the U.S. District Court for the NMI against DOC officials for allegedly denying the inmate immediate, proper medical care when sought, resulting in an emergency surgery that allegedly could have been avoided.

Repeat child molester and killer Steven R. Aguon filed a complaint Friday against DOC chief Wally Villagomez, director Georgia Cabrera, Jose Pangelinan, Dr. Gregory Kotheimer, and DOC medical officer Carmen Iba for allegedly violating his civil rights when they denied him immediate medical care when he reported pain in his testicle. The pain allegedly later resulted in him being brought t the hospital's Emergency Room.

Aguon, who sent a handwritten request to the District Court to allow him to file his lawsuit as an indigent, is suing for $500,000 in punitive damages.

The inmate noted that he exhausted all his resources from within DOC but to no avail, claiming that DOC officers tend to cover each other up, burying his complaints within the system.

"I exhausted all remedies available to me and filed multiple grievances. But, still no response to any of them. I followed all protocols of DOC and still, all the defendants violated my rights to access adequate medical care," he said.

Chief Judge Ramona Manglona has yet to issue a decision whether or not she would allow Aguon to proceed with his lawsuit as an indigent.

According to Aguon, back in July, he filed for a sick call request with the medical unit within DOC, seeking to be seen by a doctor over pain he felt in his testicle that lasted about two to five months.

"I asked again and again to be seen by a medical doctor. I couldn't articulate the pain. All I was told by my medical staff, Carmen Iba, was that I would be scheduled for an appointment with a doctor," he said.

Aguon claims that he had been waiting for his appointment for 16 days until he finally asked that he be brought to the emergency room over the pain he was feeling. However, Aguon was allegedly denied that request too and was instead told to just wait for his appointment.

On or about July 21, Aguon said he approached a different officer, John Aguon, and asked him to ask Dr. Gregory Kotheimer to see him for testicular pain to which the officer said he would forward his request and get back to him. Aguon claims nothing was done.

Then, on July 22, after another officer failed to grant his request for medical attention, Aguon said he called NMPASI and sought an attorney. He was referred to attorney Jean Rayphand, who personally called DOC's medical unit to figure out what was going on.

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RFP22– RED001
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 30, 2022

"MANAGAHA ISLAND MASTER CONCESSION OPERATOR"

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Department of Public Lands (DPL), are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified firms interested in being the Exclusive Master Concession Operator for service and activities on or relating to Managaha Island.

The RFP instruction and information package (RFP Packet) is available online at www.dpl.gov.mp. Interested proposers may request an RFP Packet by email referenced **"RFP22-RED001 MANAGAHA CONCESSION".**

A pre-proposal tour of the island for all interested parties will be held on Managaha Island on **November 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.** Additional site visits may be requested through DPL. Interested parties must arrange their own transportation to and from the island.

Questions from proposing firms regarding the premises and the contents of the RFP Packet must be received, **no later than 4:00 pm on November 18, 2022 ChST** and must be submitted in writing via mail, email or facsimile to Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar, Secretary, DPL at the following address:

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Saipan, MP 96950
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Sealed proposals must be marked **"RFP22-RED001 MANAGAHA ISLAND MASTER CONCESSION OPERATOR".** One (1) original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the DPL at its address above **no later than 4:00pm ChST, on November 30, 2022. A non-refundable Administrative Processing Fee of Seventy Five Dollars ($75.00)** is required upon submission of a proposal and payment must be made through cash or check payable to: Department of Public Lands.

By submitting a proposal, the interested firm agrees to enter into a concession agreement. DPL reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal, if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of public land beneficiaries. All costs associated with preparing a proposal are entirely the responsibility of proposers. All proposals shall become the sole property of DPL.

/s/ SIXTO K. IGISOMAR, DPL Secretary

NMI shares grief over Itaewon tragedy

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and the sizeable Korean community in the CNMI have expressed grief and condolences after at least 151 people were killed in a crowd surge Saturday night in Seoul, South Korea.

In a statement to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, Torres said, "I am saddened to hear about the incident that had occurred over the weekend in Itaewon, South Korea. My thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of the victims, as well as those who were injured and are in recovery."

The CNMI has a large South Korean population and the East Asian country is one of the main tourist markets of the CNMI.

When sought for comments, Hyung Jin Kim, who is vice president of the Korean Association of Saipan and is originally from Seoul, told *Saipan Tribune* that the tragedy is "really so sad. …The people dying were too young—teenagers or in their 20s." Kim said that he called his young son, Steven Kim, who lives in Seoul, to ask him if he went to the Halloween event, but he said thankfully he didn't end up going.

He also said that he and members of the Korean community on Saipan reached out to one another to check if their family members back home in Korea are safe and he said that none of the people they spoke with on Saipan knew anyone who was there at that time.

Lindsay Ahn, who is originally from Seoul and is the corporate social responsibility manager and executive assistant to the CEO of E-Land Group, told *Saipan Tribune*, "I can't speak for others, but personally, it is absolutely tragic. I find it still hard to believe. I feel so sad and sorry for those young souls and the families who lost their loved ones."

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dent and CEO Jerry Tan, his wife, Lydia Tan, Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan general manager Robert Coates, Bishop Ryan Jimenez of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa, and House Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) in cutting the ribbon that signaled the official opening of the resort. The occasion was also attended by key Crowne Plaza Resort and Intercontinental Hotel Group management that included Abhijay Sandilya, managing director of IGH Japan, and Thomas Mayrhofer, regional general manager of Crowne Plaza Resort Guam & Saipan.

This is the third iteration for the hotel. It was initially called the Da-Ichi Hotel and then became the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, after which it went through several months of renovations that cost a total of $43 million and transformed the property into the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan—a modern, island-inspired oasis with 422 rooms and five restaurants, all under the management of IHG Hotels & Resorts. The resort, however, remains a Tan Holdings Corp. property.

"Today is another milestone for the people in the Commonwealth and especially for our tourists that will be coming in to enjoy. …When you invest… for the next 40 years, that's a lifetime investment for the people of the Commonwealth. So, on behalf of the Commonwealth, Jerry, thank you… for your continued support," said Torres

Torres told the crowd at the grand opening that he started the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers amid the COVID-19 pandemic with the goal of making the CNMI a world-class destination and reopening a hotel with an international brand "is the first step. So again, thank you, congratulations, and welcome everyone."

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Manglona and Indalecio are accusing Hocog of committing nine criminal offenses: deprivation of rights under color of law, assault, criminal coercion, disturbing the peace, misconduct in public office, making a terroristic threat, crime of terrorism, senior citizen physical abuse and/or mental cruelty, and stalking.

Last Feb. 28, Manglona and Hocog engaged in a shouting match during the recess of the Senate special session intended to tackle the Impeachment Rules.

Something Manglona said at that time triggered the shouting matching match in the vernacular with Hocog. Hocog has yet to comment regarding that incident.

Last Oct. 24, a commotion occurred during the start of the Senate's session after Indalecio, whose testimony at the session was cut for being "out or order," called the Senate "a corrupted group," angering Hocog. Indalecio called the police to file a complaint against the senator. No one was arrested.

Hocog, in an interview after that session, said he had no intention of assaulting Indalecio at that time as he had just stood up.

In their letter to the USAO and OAG, Manglona and Indalecio said that Hocog committed the offenses in the midst of their efforts, as members of the public, to publicly speak and comment during public hearings.

Manglona and Indalecio said that, although they promptly reported the incidents to the Department of Public Safety, nothing appears to have happened or been generated to institute a filing of criminal charges or indictment against Hocog.

They said many constituents have expressed frustration and exasperation at being themselves criminally victimized with seemingly little if any follow-up DPS investigation, OAG prosecution, or other consequences for the criminal perpetrators.

Manglona and Indalecio said this perception will "unfortunately be perpetuated, if not exacerbated, with heightened chilling effect, on the CNMI community-at-large—should a high ranking public official like Hocog be perceived" as being permitted to avoid or escape with seeming impunity of the federal and CNMI criminal justice systems.

They said prior follow-up efforts, via DPS law enforcement officials, have been ineffective and somewhat frustrating.

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or *palapala* at the Garapan Fishing Base on Saipan where local vendors can sell their freshly caught fish.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) disclosed in his *e-kilili* newsletter Saturday that the eight projects are intended to support stability for fisheries resources, recovery of threatened and endangered species, and enhanced opportunities for commercial, recreational, and cultural activities in the marine environment.

Sablan said the projects are $149,000 for the *Palapala* Open Market; $67,544 for North Island Mooring; $58,000 to hire a marine conservation plan coordinator; $50,000 for the U.S. Pacific Territories Fishery Capacity-Building Scholarship Program; $48,000 to hire Rota and Tinian data collector; $269,329 for fishing community assessment; $229,702 for the development of the Mariana Islands Ika and Monchong Fishery; and $18,409 for data collection and entry in interjurisdictional fisher resources.

Under the *Palapala* Open Market, a series of 12 steel pavilions or *palapala* will be built at the Garapan Fishing Base to provide local fish vendors a central, shaded, and convenient area to market their fresh, locally caught fish.

With the North Island Mooring Project, the funding will be used to explore the possibility of installing vessel mooring site locations off the coast of Pagan.

With respect to a marine conservation plan coordinator, a half-time MCP coordinator will he hired to oversee projects funded under the Sustainable Fisheries Fund for two years.

Pertaining to U.S. Pacific Territories Fishery Capacity-Building Scholarship Program, the funding will support one student from the CNMI to participate in the council's Capacity-Building Scholarship/ Fellowship program for one year.

The participating student, upon graduation, will be required to work for their local fishery-related agency for one year for each year the scholarship was received.

Regarding the Rota and Tinian data support, the funding will be used to hire one data collector for each island of Tinian and Rota. The data collectors will train in survey protocol and implementation, strictly follow survey protocol to collect the fishery-dependent data, and transmit the collected data to the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife.

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Torres renews 2 executive orders to fight pandemic

Saying that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services continues its public health emergency indicating that federal public health officials still see COVID-19 as a threat to public health, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has renewed for 30 days his two executive orders that he first issued in 2020 due to the imminent threat posed by the pandemic.

Torres said he believes renewals of two executive orders are warranted after consulting with the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office and other agencies.

The governor renewed last week Executive Order 2020-04 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency and State of Significant Emergency to establish response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning COVID-19.

He also renewed Executive Order 2020-07, which ordered the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office, through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., to undertake necessary containment measures by means of the development of emergency directives to protect the health and safety of the public.

Torres said as the CNMI continues to open up its economy to tourists from Asia markets, the chance of COVID-19 pandemic once again spreading in the community is heightened.

He noted that as of last June and July, a wave of COVID-19 infections have spread throughout the community. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

NAP

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dards and resources limits apply to all CNMI islands utilizing the same standards for eligibility determination.

The income eligibility standards for a household size of four will monthly gross income. The resources limit for households will increase from $2,250 to $2,750. The resource limit for households where at least one person is age 55 or older, or is disabled, will increase from $3,500 to $4,250.

FY 2023 Maximum Monthly Benefit Levels

Household Size	Saipan	Tinian	Rota and Northern Islands
1	$415	$439	$505
2	$761	$804	$925
3	$1,090	$1,152	$1,326
4	$1,385	$1,464	$1,685
5	$1,644	$1,736	$2,000
6	$1,973	$2,084	$2,400
7	$2,181	$2,304	$2,652
8	$2,493	$2,634	$3,032
Each additional member add	$312	$330	$380

FY 2023 Maximum Income Guidelines

Household Size	All Islands
1	$1,473
2	$1,984
3	$2,495
4	$3,007
5	$3,518
6	$4,029
7	$4,541
8	$5,052
Each additional member add	$512

FY 2023 Resources Limits

Household Type	Maximum Amount
Households with at least one member who is age 55 or older or disabled	$4,250
All Households	$2,750

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villages, and work together to make the Marianas a better place to live. Our children ultimately benefit from our joint efforts," said Tan.

MSP Advisors and Ambassadors lead the way

The MSP Campaign is a school community-building and beautification campaign that uses activities, beautification projects, and exciting contests to educate, inform, and engage students. MSP's mission is to inspire pride in the hearts of students. Through MSP's Advisors and Ambassadors program, GCEA provides the tools and support they need to envision and lead beautification projects that make their campuses better places to learn, play, and thrive. The advisors and ambassadors represent public and private schools and attend monthly meetings to discuss current and upcoming projects, activities, and contests.

"We are proud to announce that we have more than 50 advisors and 100 student ambassadors who are leading beautification efforts in their schools," Tan said. "The students, teachers, and school administrators have shown great enthusiasm to improve the learning environment for all students, and we are excited about what they will achieve this school year."

The GCEA recently released the first edition of MSP In Action—the Marianas School Pride monthly newsletter that is written by MSP School Advisors and Student Ambassadors. The newsletter will recognize the students' work, announce contest winners, and feature completed campus projects. The community can read the newsletter on the MSP page of GCEA's website.

Businesses interested in becoming a sponsor can contact the GCEA at gceacnmi@gmail.com. Sponsorship packets are available for download at programs.cnmieconomy.com/msp. ***(PR)***

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2 Japanese nuclear researchers to meet with PAMC

Two Japanese researchers will soon visit Tinian and meet with the members of the Pacific Alliance of Municipal Councils and the mayors from Tinian and Rota in response to the council's protest against the Japanese government's plan to dump its Fukushima nuclear waste water drums into the Pacific Ocean.

The PAMC announced this development in a news release last Thursday, which identified the researchers as Seichiro Takamine, a researcher of nuclear testing on the Marshall Islands, and Hiroko Takeshima, a researcher studying nuclear history with emphasis on the Fukushima nuclear plant accident.

The PAMC launched the online petition (https://chng.it/JLT2btJQB6) about two months ago to protest Japan's plan to dump its Fukushima nuclear waste water drums into the Pacific Ocean.

PAMC hopes that this meeting will lead to networking and collaborating with other environmental advocacy groups to increase awareness and support to prevent Japan and any country from using the oceans as dumping grounds for nuclear wastes.

"It has been a pretty rough start, with only less than 400 signatures since the launching of the petition, but we remain hopeful that this movement will gather momentum as we continue to reach out to the world for help to achieve our goal," said PAMC vice president Juanita Masga Mendiola from the 18th Tinian Municipal Council.

PAMC president Jim Atalig stated that he would like to see the people of Marianas take the lead in this petition, and while the low number of signatures is a little disappointing, he remains hopeful that things will change and see this cause end at the United Nations for global address.

PAMC members include Ana Demapan Castro, Saipan and Northern Island chairman; Jonovan Lizama, 18th Rota Municipal Council chairperson; Joseph E. Santos, 18th Tinian Municipal Council chairperson; Council members Antonia Tudela, Daniel Aquino, William Taitano and Thomasa P. Mendiola. ***(Saipan Tribune/PR)***

Halloween Night at the Museum draws more than 2,000

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The Rotary Club of Saipan, which organized last Friday night's Halloween event at the NMI Museum grounds, had prepared hundreds of goodies bags as giveaways. By the time the event ended, the club had already given away over 2,000 bags. That tells you the sheer number of people that descended on the NMI Museum's grounds that Friday night to go trick and treating.

Joann T. Aquino, secretary for the Rotary Club of Saipan, described the club's annual "No Tricks, Just Treats" event as a great success this year, not just for the club but also for the NMI Museum and the event's partners, because this year drew more people compared to last year.

"I would say there's more this year because we have a lot of vendors. …We gave over 2,000 goodie bags. I'm really happy with the turnout because a lot of the kids came in with costumes. I think it's a great turnout, the weather was great," she said.

She also attributed the night's success to the many entertainers that night and thanked Rotarian Marvin Deleon Guerrero for his free entertainment from his company called MG Muzik Production.

There were also several participants for the costume contest, which had three categories: toddlers, elementary, and middle school. The first place winner of each group took home a $100 cash prize, second place with a $75 cash prize, and third place with a $50 cash prize.

Rotary Club of Saipan members pose with NMI Museum executive director Daniel Aquino during the second annual "No Tricks, Just Treats" Halloween Night at the Museum last Saturday. LEGH GASES

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The children collectively won $400 in the costume contests held at the second annual Halloween event at the NMI Museum grounds last Friday.

There was also the Best Overall Costume contest, with the first place winners of each group competing for the $200 first place prize.

Aquino thanked "the families for coming out with their children dressed in costumes pre-Halloween."

Daniel Aquino, executive director of the NMI Museum, said the museum benefits from all the activities done on their grounds, as "all our events are catered toward increasing our traffic, our capacity, in the museum. That's what we do here. We try to bring in people to try to lure them into the museum and educate them about the history and culture of the CNMI." He assured that the museum is open whenever there are events on the grounds. "We always open the museum whenever we have events."

He agrees that this year's Halloween event was more successful than last year's.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-23-001

Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Chinatown and Navy hill)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Chinatown and Navy Hill) in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of the installation of gravity sewer main, new service laterals, connection to existing service laterals, and the installation of sewer manholes.

The project is funded by a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and CUC. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from ARPA.

CUC requires the project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

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Pacific Judicial Council hosts 3-day mediation training

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The Pacific Judicial Council concluded its three-day mediation training at the Kensington Hotel Saipan last Friday, with judges, lawyers, and mediators from across the Pacific learning about effective mediation and settlement techniques that they can, and should, implement in their jobs.

According to Guam judge Arthur Barcinas, who is also part of the PJC education committee, this was the first Pacific Judicial Council mediation training held in the CNMI in years.

"For this training, we brought in members of the PJC as well as local attorneys and judges from Saipan to train on mediation and settlement techniques. This is so that we can help people resolve their problems outside [the legal system]," he said.

Training participants focused on a lot of practical work, specifically techniques and procedures.

"Our trainers came from the Ninth Circuit out of San Francisco. They are regular mediators and settlement judges from the Ninth Circuit," he said.

Aside from Saipan, there were also participants from Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, Kosrae, and more.

Barcinas said it is important to practice mediation techniques now rather than later because as the world comes out of the COVID-19 pandemic, the court system anticipates a rise in cases that may require mediation instead of full blown court proceedings.

"The trend is there. Cases are increasing as we come out of COVID conditions. We want to prepare to meet that demand and a lot of times the traditional legal process is long and expensive. So those cases that have a high probability of settling, they get sent to the mediators to see if the parties can work out a resolution that is acceptable to them and they arrived to it through them, not just judges making the decisions for them," he said.

"The beauty of mediation is there is no set standard. It's all about being creative and working with the parties to allow them to come up with a resolution for themselves for their own problems as opposed to the courts, which are bound by the law and procedures set out by our individual jurisdictions. This is more flexible and creative," the judge added.

Paliknoa Sigrah, Kosrae mediator program chair under the Kosrae tri-state court, said he attended the training so it could help with the mediation program in Kosrae

"I'm very fortunate to be able to come to this training so that I can learn more about the statutes of the mediation process [because] for us, the mediation program in Kosrae, which started about 10 years ago, really helps the judicial system," he said.

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Just one case of polio is a global threat

Few Americans remember when polio-stricken children relied on seven-foot-long iron cylinders to breathe. At its peak in early 1950s, polio caused more than 15,000 cases of paralysis a year and over 3,000 deaths in the U.S. alone. In the decades that followed, a massive vaccination campaign nearly eradicated the disease from the globe. Now, a perfect storm of factors has made polio a threat once again. Eliminating the virus is still possible, but only if global leaders shake off their complacency.

Polio is a highly contagious, sometimes debilitating disease that primarily affects children under five. It passes from feces to the mouth via unwashed hands or contaminated food or drink. While most cases are asymptomatic or cause symptoms similar to the common flu, permanent paralysis is possible. Polio can be fatal when breathing muscles stop working.

In 1988, 350,000 cases of polio were recorded in 125 countries. Today, polio is endemic in just two—Afghanistan and Pakistan—and cases of wild polio dwindled to 29 so far this year. By many measures, such results qualify as a resounding success. For polio, however, even one case is a serious global threat.

The latest outbreak in the U.S. is a case in point. This summer, a previously healthy, unvaccinated young adult from Rockland County, New York, was paralyzed after getting infected by a mutated strain. The U.S. hasn't had a case of wild polio since 1979.

While only one case has been recorded so far, 70 positive samples of paralytic or illness-inducing polio have shown up in nearby sewage testing, according to the most recent data. Experts estimate for each case of paralytic polio, hundreds if not thousands of others are infected without symptoms, which means the virus can spread for months before it's detected.

Polio's spread isn't worrying for the fully vaccinated. But longstanding vaccine hesitancy in certain communities, the rise of misinformation and the deferral of routine treatments post-COVID has created pockets of vulnerability. While more than 92% of the U.S. population has been vaccinated for polio, that figure drops to 60% in Rockland County. In one ZIP code, the rate is just 37%.

Unlike many other diseases, eradicating polio is scientifically possible. The challenge is mustering the will. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, a five-year campaign to reach 370 million children annually, aimed to raise $4.8 billion in a drive last week. It secured a little more than half that amount, which included $1.2 billion from Bill Gates. (Bloomberg Philanthropies is a regular donor to GPEI.) Key contributors such as the UK have cut back because of shrinking budgets and competing priorities. Even Gates, while affirming his commitment, said it might not be "forever."

This is troubling. Research has shown that even a small decrease in the intensity of immunization can lead to large outbreaks. Getting much-needed funding to close the vaccination gap is essential, particularly in places like Afghanistan and Pakistan, where health workers not only face vac-

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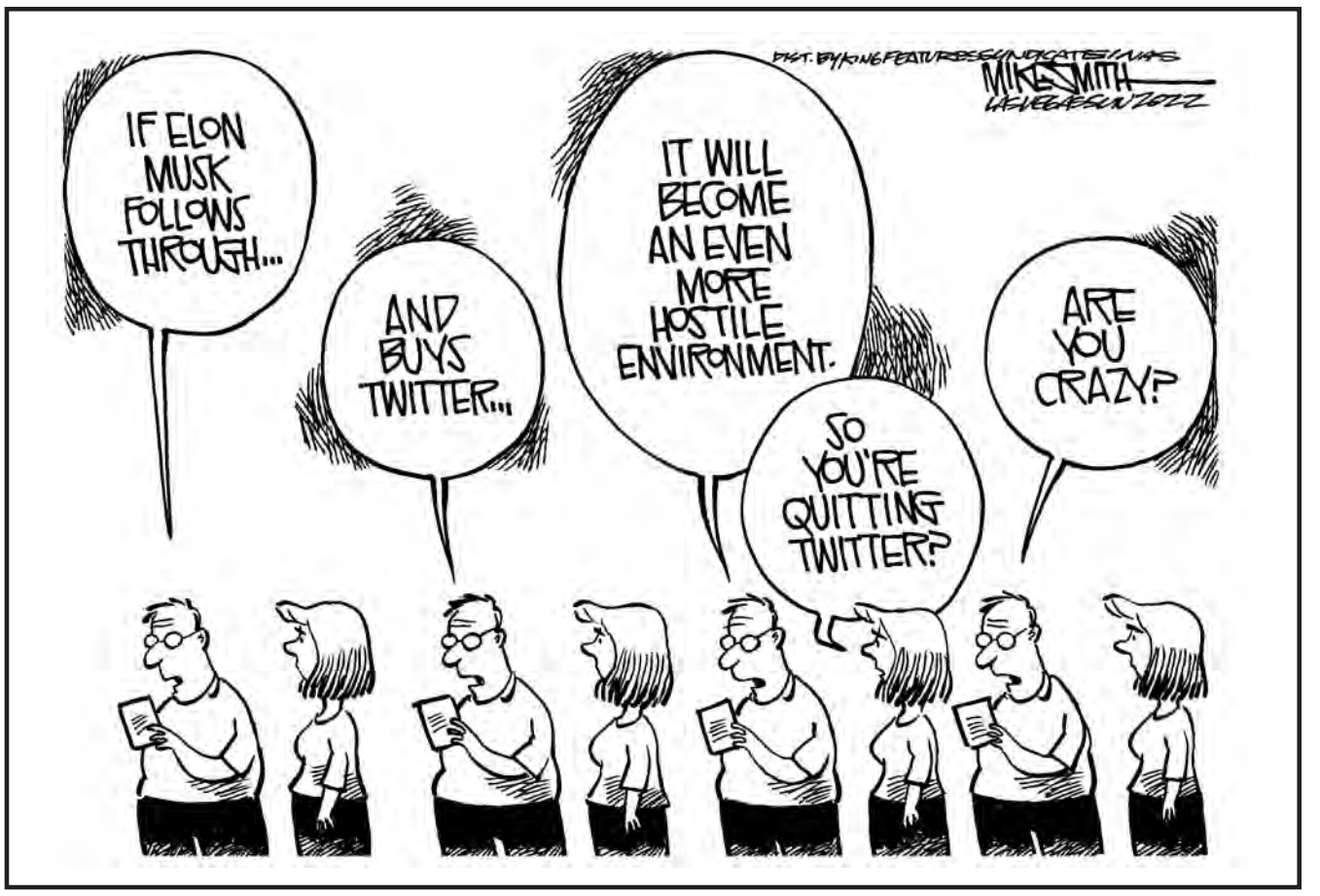
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A midterm elections threat assessment—high and getting higher

By COLIN P. CLARKE
Los Angeles Times

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With the Nov. 8 midterm elections less than two weeks away, there is growing concern for the potential of real-world political violence.

The hyper-partisan nature of U.S. politics, combined with rampant disinformation and the promotion of conspiracy theories about election integrity are increasing the prospects for trouble at polling sites and the harassment and intimidation of electoral workers. Across the country, there are reports of election offices taking preventive measures, including installing bulletproof and bomb-resistant glass, offering active-shooter training and fortifying walls with Kevlar to mitigate the effects of an attack.

Violent rhetoric is exploding online. Sites like Telegram, Gab and Parler are overrun with threats related to "taking up arms" in an effort to overturn by force what these individuals claim will be a "rigged" and "stolen" election. The temperature in the broader far-right ecosystem has been rising steadily since the FBI searched former President Donald Trump's residence at Mar-a-Lago in August. After the search, a radicalized Trump supporter attempted to attack an FBI office in Cincinnati and was killed in a shootout with agents.

The vitriol spewed on fringe message boards is sometimes instigated by public figures, including elected officials. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., recently spoke at a Trump rally in Michigan, firing up the crowd by declaring that "Democrats want Republicans dead, and they have already started the killings." Using his own social media platform, Truth Social, Trump suggested Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., had a "DEATH WISH" because McConnell agreed to fund the U.S. government through the remainder of this year.

When officials normalize violent rhetoric, it permeates the national discourse and lends credence to the idea that physical force is a legitimate political response. In other words, some members of Congress and a former president are attempting to mainstream fascism in America. In the first quarter of 2022, the U.S. Capitol Police opened 1,820 cases against individuals making threats against members of Congress.

Susan Collins, a fifth-term Republican senator from Maine, told The New York Times, "I wouldn't be surprised if a senator or House member were killed," going on to say, "What started with abusive phone calls is now translating into active threats of violence and real violence."

Charges have been levied against more than 900 individuals for various crimes allegedly committed in the attack on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. But the ongoing arrests and trials have had less of a deterrent effect on violent rhetoric and rumblings than many analysts expected. In part, this is related to the anonymity provided by encrypted social media platforms.

The staying power of the "big lie," the falsehood pushed by Trump that the 2020 election was stolen, has acted as an intensifier of Americans' tribal political animosity.

Election deniers are on the ballot in numerous states, with The Washington Post counting 291 such candidates in 48 out of 50 states. That is one sign that the concept of voter fraud is baked into the thinking of those who might foment political violence. According to the FBI, states that experienced "significant upheaval" related to the 2020 presidential election have been more likely to see an increase in midterm-related threats, with Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada and Wisconsin accounting for 58% of such threats.

In many ways, far-right political figures are creating a self-fulfilling prophecy. They are telling their followers, if we lose, you've been cheated, a message that many seem to think makes "revolution" justified before the votes have even been cast, much less counted. A poll by the Bright Line Watch organization found that 1 in 5 Republican men believed that violence was justifiable "right now" against the U.S. government.

The threats are not purely domestic, either. Lawmakers and government officials are worried that external actors, including Russian and Chinese operatives, are meddling in the midterm elections by amplifying divisive, volatile issues—race, gender, immigration and inflation, for example—on social media.

The United States is a country awash in weaponry. The Switzerland-based Small Arms Survey estimates that for every 100 Americans, there are 120 civilian guns. That only adds to the worries of local, state and federal officials who must consider the prospect of violence that the elections and their outcome conjure in the wake of the Jan. 6 bloodshed in Washington.

With politicians and political influencers too often rewarded for staking out extreme positions, in turn stoking extremist violence, for the good of our country, let us hope that cooler heads prevail. Otherwise, the true outcome of the 2022 midterm elections may be a new normal in U.S. politics defined by disinformation and violence.

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Our promise: Leading by example

By CHRISTINA 'TINA' SABLAN AND LEILA FLEMING STAFFLER
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

This November, voters have critical decisions to make about the leadership and future of our Commonwealth. Under the current administration, we have all suffered from wasted resources, inexcusable delays in public services and projects, and abuses of trust by the highest officials in the land. The people of the Marianas deserve so much better, and the time for change is now.

We are running to be your next governor and lieutenant governor to deliver the change that our Commonwealth needs. Together, we bring 40 years of public service experience, and plans laid out in our platform at sablanstaffler.com for a future that is safe, healthy, beautiful, and just, and a Commonwealth that we can be proud of.

As governor and lieutenant governor, we promise to serve and lead the people of the Marianas by the values of good governance: with fairness, honesty, and fiscal responsibility, and care for the wellbeing of present and future generations. And unlike the current administration, we will lead by example. In a Sablan-Staffler administration, you can count on us to:

1. Ensure that public funds are spent only on public purposes. Under the current administration, public funds have been used to cover numerous personal and lavish expenses, including hunting gear, electronics, personal gifts, and extravagant meals. *Not on our watch.*

2. Pay for our own utilities. During the current administration, massive utility bills for multiple household accounts and a commercial piggery have been charged to taxpayers. *Not on our watch*.

3. Follow the law on government travel. The current administration has racked up over half a million dollars in government-paid travel expenses, including costly and illegal first-class trips and political campaign stops. *Not on our watch*.

4. Drive our own cars. The current administration has used government employees to drive them around in gas-guzzling luxury vehicles purchased or leased at government expense. *Not on our watch*.

5. Safeguard public safety resources for public safety purposes. The current administration has treated police officers like personal servants, and police search and rescue boats have been abused for fishing and recreational trips. *Not on our watch*.

6. Promote fairness and transparency in government spending. In the current administration, cronyism is the name of the game. Tens of millions of federal and local tax dollars have been squandered in questionable contracts that were awarded without a fair bidding process. Millions more have been doled out in illegal overtime, double pay, and bonuses to favored officials. *Not on our watch.*

7. Protect the constitutional and due process rights of all public servants. No one should be afraid of their government. Under the current administration, political intimidation and retaliation run rampant, and political firings and furloughs have violated the rights of hundreds of government employees. *Not on our watch*.

In leading by example, we will begin to change the culture of our government to one that is truly centered on public service, and puts people first above politics and special interests. This is our promise to the people of the Marianas: good governance will be our guiding light in a Sablan-Staffler administration. Change will come to the Marianas when you vote for it.

Your vote is your voice—make it count in this November's decisive and historic election. Early voting begins Nov. 1, and General Election Day is Nov. 8. Please be sure to vote, and encourage your family and friends to vote too. And please vote Democrat, up and down the ballot! Biba Marianas!

Reps. Christina "Tina" Sablan and Leila Fleming Staffler are the Democratic Party candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively.

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LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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"The most important office, and the one which all of us can and should fill, is that of private citizen."
—U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis (1856-1941)

Election Rip and Rap—Lips Do Flap

Will you clap or cry after the next election
of candidate's platforms what's your objection
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does their lack of honesty cause your dejection

did you give their platforms a close inspection
does their program need a course correction
is your vote heading in a new direction
are you hoping for some incumbents' ejection

do you want an older office holders resurrection
do you drop dollars into a campaign collection
inveigh against your favorites rivals with invection
in defense of lies do they have good protection

after plenty of conscientious thought and reflection
are you confident about your voting selection.

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cine aversion, but mass migration, flooding, political instability and poor nutrition, which requires more dosing. India's success overcoming similar hurdles shows that eradication is possible.

Increased surveillance is also key. New York is ramping up its wastewater testing and encouraging more liberal screening of unvaccinated patients in certain counties. Still, testing and sequencing is conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which can create bottlenecks. Expanding the CDC's capacity would quicken local officials' response time, a critical need if the virus spreads to other parts of the country.

For years, polio seemed to be on the brink of eradication. No longer. Only through sustained investment can the world protect millions of children from a devastating yet entirely avoidable disease.

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Voting is good for you; it might even save your life

By DR. LAUREN GAMBILL and DR. DEANNA BEHRENS
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The midterm election is just days away. One of the most important issues on the ballot is health equity.

As pediatricians, we cannot treat children equitably unless we fight to dismantle the systems of oppression and systemic racism that lead to disparities. The policies that govern our communities and health care system often make it impossible to provide the care that our patients deserve. On Nov. 8, we have the power to move our communities closer to health equity or continue to widen the gap.

As pediatricians, we have a unique view of how health inequities affect children's lives. If society intervenes and invests in children, we can improve their physical and mental health and increase their chances of finishing school, getting a stable job, and becoming happy and productive adults. The way we vote affects whether or not a child gets the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Health disparities start during pregnancy and early infancy. Black women are significantly more likely than white women to die from a pregnancy-related complication. Black, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander babies are twice as likely to die as infants of white women, according to the CDC.

If a child experiences homelessness due to failed social policies, they can experience developmental delays, physical illnesses, emotional problems and attachment disorders. As a society, we can choose to mitigate these risks by prioritizing children and families in public housing policy and improving access to early interventions. These steps can improve educational attainment and health outcomes and strengthen family and community bonds.

Similarly, there are profound impacts of poor nutrition when children are living in poverty. Children cannot learn or grow when they are hungry. We celebrate when children gain access to evidence-based programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

We know there is a mental health crisis in children and adolescents, especially in historically marginalized groups. Research shows that children who live in communities with high rates of gun violence experience trauma from the constant stress of their environment. The 2022 Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, the most significant piece of anti-gun violence legislation in decades, included provisions for trauma informed care for vulnerable populations.

These are just a few examples of how policies enacted by elected officials have a direct impact on the health and well-being of children.

Policy matters at all levels. While national elections are important, many policies that directly affect children are enacted on the state level. Illinois has some of the strongest gun laws in the country, yet children in Illinois die every day from guns trafficked from neighboring states. There are still 12 states that have declined to adopt Medicaid expansion. Medicaid expansion in those states would help lessen disparities in health care coverage for people of color. Without Medicaid expansion, people who live in Kansas simply do not have the same access to care as people in the neighboring states of Missouri and Colorado.

These policies are drafted, voted on and enacted by legislators. And yet, many Americans don't vote. The presidential election of 2020 had the highest turnout in the 21st century, yet nearly a third of eligible citizens did not make it to the polls. Midterm elections historically have lower turnout. In 2018, nearly half (47%) of eligible Americans did not vote. Beyond this, "undervoting," or voting in a few races and leaving the rest of the ballot blank, means that many of our local leaders are chosen by an even smaller percentage of our communities and may not reflect the actual population.

Why don't people vote? There are numerous barriers to voting, and many of them vary widely from state to state. Some states suppress voter turnout through voter roll purges, voter ID requirements, under-resourced polling locations, reduced voter hours, and reduced or difficult early voting or voting by mail. The impacts of voter suppression cannot be understated. Finally, an NPR commissioned study cited a host of reasons, but ultimately concluded that a sense of alienation and apathy was a major factor behind the dismal turnout so common in the United States.

We have to change this conversation. Election outcomes are critical to achieving health equity. Everything from income to environment impacts health, but public health has become politicized in a way that is proving deadly.

The Health and Democracy Index analyzed 12 public health indicators in relationship to state voting policies. They demonstrated a clear relationship between inclusive voting policies and better health outcomes. The American Medical Association recognizes that voting is a social determinant of health.

We must all promote free and fair elections. Democracy works best when everyone who is eligible votes. What can you do?

- Check your voter registration status at Vote.org.
- Familiarize yourself with your state's deadlines and rules.
- Vote by mail, vote early or take time off to vote, if you can.
- Research your ballot to find candidates who align with your values.
- Talk to family members, friends and colleagues and encourage them to vote.

Just as we actively and aggressively work to dismantle the other systemic inequalities of our health care system, we must work on this one. We will never have health equity without voting equity.

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Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Candidate Vinnie F. Sablan Extend a Blessed All Souls Day to All Residents

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Senate Floor Leader Vinnie Sablan extend their wishes for a blessed All Souls Day to the people of the Commonwealth.

"All Souls Day is both a time to remember our loved ones who are resting, and to relish the presence of those who are still with us, for life is short," Governor Torres said.

"As a people, we are collectively who we are today because of everyone that has forged a path for us through their lifeworks. All Souls Day is a time to honor all our departed loved ones and friends," added Leader Sablan.

"On behalf of our families, we bid every resident of the CNMI a blessed All Souls Day. May the memories of all our loved ones live on in our thoughts and actions," Governor Torres said.

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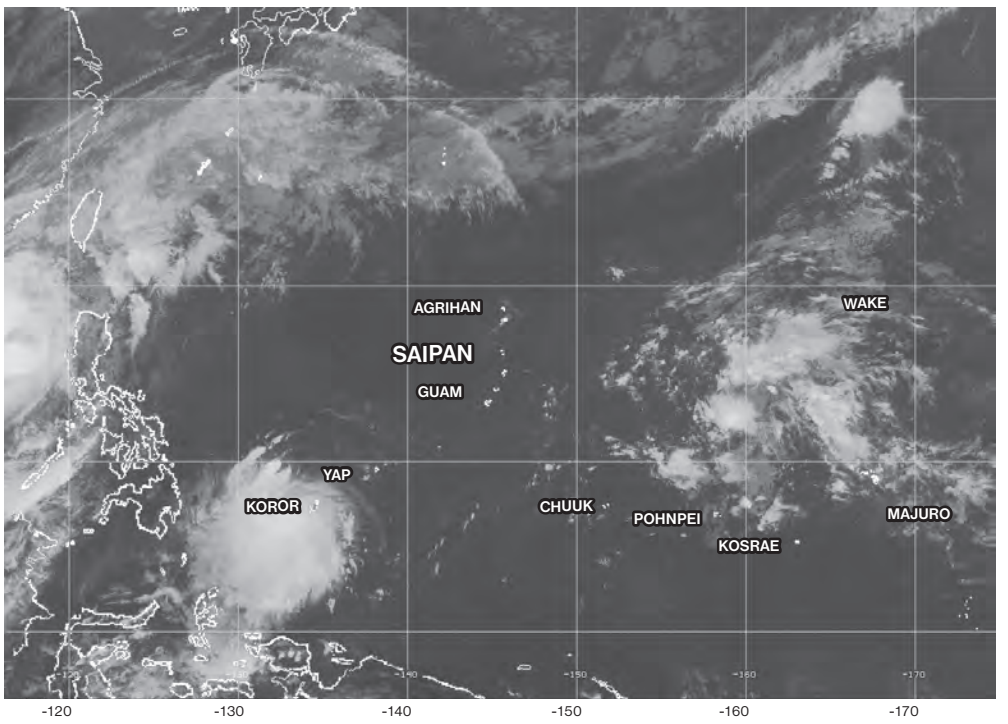
The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Scattered showers. Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny
87° 78°	87° 77°	87° 77°	87° 77°	87° 78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Partly cloudy skies and scattered showers are seen over the Marianas coastal waters. Buoy data at Ritidan and Tanapag indicate sea heights of between 5 and 6 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Palau	Scattered Thunderstorms	84° / 77°
Yap	Mostly Sunny	86° / 79°
Chuuk	Isolated Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Scattered Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°
Majuro	Scattered Thunderstorms	83° / 79°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	70° / 55°
Beijing	Sunny	59° / 36°
Hong Kong	Showers	80° / 68°
Honolulu	Sunny	86° / 75°
London	Rain	60° / 46°
Los Angeles	Mostly Cloudy	79° / 57°
Manila	Thunderstorms	88° / 77°
Melbourne	Rain	55° / 44°
Miami	Showers	84° / 78°
New York	Mostly Cloudy	66° / 58°
Osaka	Rain	64° / 56°
Paris	Showers	63° / 49°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	72° / 51°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	78° / 53°
Salem	Cloudy	73° / 51°
San Francisco	Cloudy	60° / 53°
Seoul	Showers	66° / 36°
Tokyo	Cloudy	63° / 55°
Washington, DC	Light Rain	68° / 59°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:12 AM	5:48 PM
Wednesday	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Thursday	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Friday	6:13 AM	5:46 PM
Saturday	6:14 AM	5:46 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:45 PM	12:45 PM	-
Wednesday	-	12:17 AM	1:35 PM
Thursday	-	1:17 AM	2:20 PM
Friday	-	2:14 AM	3:01 PM
Saturday	-	3:09 AM	3:40 PM

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
6:55 AM	Low Tide	-0.30
2:59 PM	High Tide	1.77
8:37 PM	Low Tide	1.26
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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily

SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)

UA824	7:05AM	9:45AM	1, 3, 5

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	7:45AM	Daily
UA193	7:55PM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Palau
UA183	8:00PM	9:50PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:50PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau
OZ624/701	3:40PM	10:35AM+1	3,6 via Incheon

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

OZ624	3:40PM	7:40PM	3, 6
TW308	4:30PM	8:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	4:35PM	8:25PM	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:46AM	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00AM+1	2, 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:05PM	3:55AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:55PM	4:45AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:40PM	6:30AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA184	12:40AM	6:30AM	3, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA189/174	12:40AM	8:46AM+1	3, 6 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55PM	8:46AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:40PM	8:46AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
OZ704/623	11:50PM	2:40PM+1	2, 5 via Incheon

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ623	9:00AM	2:40PM	3, 6
TW307	10:00AM	3:30PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3406	10:10AM	3:30PM	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

Business

United offers special fares for Guam, NMI

AP

United Airlines' special fare to Guam starts as low as $491, while the Saipan promotion starts as low as $479.

United Airlines has announced an exciting special fare to Japan for residents of Guam and the CNMI.

Now that Japan's border has reopened, United launched its first fare sale from Guam to four cities in Japan (Tokyo/Narita, Osaka, Nagoya, and Fukuoka) and from Saipan to Tokyo/Narita, the new direct service launched in September of this year.

The Guam package starts as low as $491, while the Saipan promotion starts as low as $479. Both come with additional fees for baggage and other optional services may apply.

Tickets for the Guam and Saipan promotion can be purchased by Nov. 2 for travel through Dec. 15.

Fare includes carrier-imposed fees and taxes of approximately $315.96 (Guam) and $303.26 (Saipan) and taxes are subject to currency adjustments and applicable taxes, passenger facility charges and security fees. Fares, taxes, and carrier-imposed fees are subject to change without notice.

Tickets must also be purchased at the time of booking, but no later than Nov. 2, 2022. Travel must originate in Guam and Saipan and commence between Oct. 26 and Dec. 15, 2022. Valid for roundtrip travel from Guam to Narita, Nagoya, Osaka or Fukuoka and Saipan to Tokyo/Narita and Saipan to Tokyo/Narita. Fares are subject to availability of Economy G class on United aircraft only. Seats are capacity-controlled and may not be available on all flights and/or dates. The minimum stay is two days and maximum stay is seven days before departure from fare origin. Stopovers are not permitted. Other restrictions: Excludes UA 196 and UA 197 (For Guam customers). Open return is not permitted. All segments must be confirmed at time of ticketing. No waitlist allowed. Other discounts and travel certificates are not applicable. Tickets are nonrefundable in case of cancels, no-show, or refund (except in accordance with United's 24-hour booking policy). Reservations must be canceled before the original scheduled flight or ticket has no value. Penalties: No changes permitted. Other restrictions and additional bag fees may apply.

As an added convenience for Guam travelers, United's Early Check-in service is offered daily from 7:30am to 9:30pm at the United counter at the A. B. Won Pat International Airport, Guam for all early morning Guam-Japan flights. ***(PR)***

Musk tweets link to an unfounded conspiracy theory

WASHINGTON (AP)—Elon Musk on Sunday tweeted a link to an unfounded rumor about the attack on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband, just days after Musk's purchase of Twitter fueled concerns that the social media platform would no longer seek to limit misinformation and hate speech.

Musk's tweet, which he later deleted, linked to an article by a fringe website, the Santa Monica Observer, an outlet that has previously asserted that Hillary Clinton died on Sept. 11 and was replaced with a body double.

In this case, the article recycled a baseless claim that the personal life of Paul Pelosi, the speaker's husband, somehow played a role in an intruder's attack last week in the couple's San Francisco home, even though there is no evidence to support that claim.

Musk did so in reply to a tweet by Hillary Clinton. Her tweet had criticized Republicans for generally spreading "hate and deranged conspiracy theories" and said, "It is shocking, but not surprising, that violence is the result."

In response to Clinton's tweet, Musk provided a link to the Santa Monica Observer article and added, "There is a tiny possibility there might be more to this story than meets the eye."

The Los Angeles Times, the dominant news organization in the Southern California area where the Observer is located, has said the Observer is "notorious for fake news."

Police in San Francisco have said the suspect in last week's attack, identified as David DePape, 42, broke into the Pelosi family's Pacific Heights home early Friday and confronted Paul Pelosi, demanding to know, as the AP has reported, "Where is Nancy?"

The two men struggled over a hammer before officers responding to a 911 call to the home saw DePape strike Paul Pelosi at least once, police said. DePape was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder, elder abuse and burglary. Prosecutors plan to file charges on Monday and expect his arraignment on Tuesday.

Police say the attack was "intentional" and not random but have not stated publicly what they consider to be the motive.

Nation

Source: Pelosi attacker carried zip ties in parallel of Jan. 6 riot

WASHINGTON (AP)—The man accused of attacking House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband carried zip ties with him when he broke into the couple's San Francisco home, according to a person briefed on the investigation, in what is the latest parallel to the Capitol riot of Jan. 6, 2021.

The person was not authorized to publicly discuss the Pelosi case and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Sunday.

The attack on Democratic leader's 82-year-old husband, Paul Pelosi, less than two weeks before before the Nov. 8 election that will determine control of Congress as well as key statewide and local offices, was an unsettling reminder of the nation's toxic political climate. With threats to public officials at an all-time high, members of Congress were being urged to reach out for additional security resources, including increased police patrols of their neighborhoods.

U.S. Capitol Police Chief J. Thomas Manger said in a weekend memo to lawmakers that the attack "is a somber reminder of the threats elected officials and families face in 2022."

Police in San Francisco said the assault of Paul Pelosi was intentional. Authorities said the suspect, identified as David DePape, 42, confronted Paul Pelosi in the family's Pacific Heights home early Friday and, the AP has reported, demanded to know, "Where is Nancy?"

The two men struggled over a hammer before officers responding to a 911 call to the home saw DePape strike Paul Pelosi at least once, police said. DePape was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder, elder abuse and burglary. Prosecutors plan to announce the charges on Monday during a new conference and expect his arraignment on Tuesday.

Eerie echoes of the Jan. 6 riot were apparent in the incident at the Pelosi home.

Rioters who swarmed the Capitol trying to overturn Joe Biden's election victory over Donald Trump roamed the halls and shouted menacingly, demanding "Where's Nancy?" Some in the siege were seen inside the Capitol carrying zip ties. The presence of the zip ties on the suspect in Paul Pelosi's assault was first reported by CNN.

Nancy Pelosi was in Washington when her husband was attacked at home. She soon returned to San Francisco, where her husband was hospitalized. He had surgery for a skull fracture, and suffered other injuries to his arms and hands, her office said.

"Our children, our grandchildren and I are heartbroken and traumatized by the life-threatening attack on our Pop," she said in a letter late Saturday to colleagues. "We are grateful for the quick response of law enforcement and emergency services, and for the life-saving medical care he is receiving."

Paul Pelosi remains hospitalized and "continues to improve," she told colleagues.

With Election Day nearing and Trump relentlessly promoting claims he did not lose to Biden in 2020, federal agencies warned on Friday that domestic extremists fueled by election falsehoods "pose a heightened threat" to the midterms. The Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies said the greatest danger was "posed by lone offenders who leverage election-related issues to justify violence."

Biden and other officials, Democrats and Republicans, condemned the attack on Paul Pelosi and said violence has no home in American politics.

Trump Organization faces criminal tax fraud trial over perks

NEW YORK (AP)—For years, as Donald Trump was soaring from reality TV star to the White House, his real estate empire was bankrolling big perks for some of his most trusted senior executives, including apartments and luxury cars.

Now Trump's company, the Trump Organization, is on trial this week for criminal tax fraud — on the hook for what prosecutors say was a 15-year scheme by top officials to hide the plums and avoid paying taxes.

Opening statements and the first witnesses are expected Monday in New York. Last week, 12 jurors and six alternates were picked for the case, the only criminal trial to arise from the Manhattan district attorney's three-year investigation of the former president.

Among the key prosecution witnesses: Trump's longtime finance chief Allen Weisselberg, who pleaded guilty and has agreed to testify against the company in exchange for a five-month jail sentence.

If convicted, the Trump Organization could be fined more than $1 million and could face difficulty in securing new loans and deals. Some partners and government entities could seek to cut ties with the company. It could also hamper its ability to do business with the U.S. Secret Service, which sometimes pays the company for lodging and services while protecting Trump as a former president.

Neither Trump nor any of his children who have worked as Trump Organization executives are charged or accused of wrongdoing. Trump is not expected to testify or even attend the trial.

Prosecutors have said they do not need to prove Trump knew about the scheme to get a conviction and that the case is "not about Donald Trump." But a defense lawyer, William J. Brennan, said even if he's not physically there, Trump is "ever present, like the mist in the room."

That's because Trump is synonymous with the Trump Organization, the entity through which he manages his many ventures, including his investments in golf courses, luxury towers and other real estate, his many marketing deals and his TV pursuits.

Trump signed some of the checks at the center of the case. His name is on memos and other company documents. Witnesses could testify about conversations they had with Trump. They are even expected to enter Trump's personal general ledgers as evidence.

Prosecutors say The Trump Organization—through its subsidiaries Trump Corp. and Trump Payroll Corp.—is liable in part because former Weisselberg was a "high managerial agent" entrusted to act on behalf of the company and its various entities.

Asia

S. Korea investigates Halloween crowd surge as nation mourns

A mourner wipes his tear as he pays a silent tribute for victims of a deadly accident following Saturday night's Halloween festivities, at a joint memorial altar for victims at Seoul Square in Seoul, South Korea, Monday, Oct. 31, 2022. AP

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korean police are investigating what caused a crowd surge that killed more than 150 people during Halloween festivities in Seoul last weekend in the country's worst disasters in years, as President Yoon Suk Yeol and other residents paid respects to the dead at temporary mourning sites.

Saturday's deadly crowd surge happened at a sloped, narrow alley in Seoul's Itaewon neighborhood, a popular nightlife district, with witnesses and survivors recalling a "hell-like" chaos of people falling on each other "like dominoes." They say the entire Itaewon area was extremely jammed with slow-moving vehicles and partygoers clad in Halloween costumes, making it impossible for rescuers and ambulances to reach the site in time.

Police launched a 561-member task force to delve into details of the stampede, the Interior and Safety Ministry said in a release.

Officers are analyzing footage taken by security cameras in the area at the time of the crush and related video clips posted on social media. They were also interviewing witnesses to find exactly when and where the crowd surge started and how it developed, according to the Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency.

A team of police officers and government forensic experts were to conduct a joint investigation on the Itaewon area, according to local media reports.

"The government will thoroughly investigate the cause of the incident and do its best to make necessary improvements of systems to prevent a similar accident from recurring," Prime Minister Han Duck-soo said at the start of a government meeting on the disaster.

The Itaewon area, famous for its cosmopolitan atmosphere, is the country's hottest spot for Halloween-themed events and parties, which had increasing popularity among young South Koreans in recent years. An estimated 100,000 people were gathered there in the country's largest Halloween celebrations since the pandemic began.

But some business owners in Itaewon say an even larger number of people gathered there in pre-pandemic Halloween weekend festivities.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Nearly 100 dead, dozens missing in storm-ravaged PH

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Nearly 100 people have died in one of the most destructive storms to lash the Philippines this year with dozens more feared missing after villagers fled in the wrong direction and got buried in a boulder-laden mudslide. Almost two million others were swamped by floods in several provinces, officials said Monday. At least 53 of 98 people who died — mostly in flooding and landslides — were from Maguindanao province in a Muslim autonomous region, which was swamped by unusually heavy rains set off by Tropical Storm Nalgae. The storm blew out into the South China Sea on Sunday, leaving a trail of destruction in a large swath of the archipelago. A large contingent of rescuers with bulldozers and backhoes resumed retrieval work in southern Kusiong village in hard-hit Maguindanao, where as many as 80 to 100 people, including entire families, are feared to have been buried by a boulder-laden mudslide or swept away by flash floods that started overnight Thursday, said Naguib Sinarimbo, the interior minister for the Bangsamoro autonomous region run by former separatist guerrillas under a peace pact.

Suspension bridge collapse kills at least 132 in India

MORBI, India (AP)—Military teams were hunting Monday for people missing after a century-old cable suspension bridge collapsed into a river Sunday in the western Indian state of Gujarat, sending hundreds plunging into the water and killing at least 132 in one of the worst accidents in the country in the past decade. At least 177 survivors were pulled from the river and teams from the army, navy and air force were searching for others still missing, said Jigar Khunt, an information department official in Gujarat said. Live video reports showed hundreds of others desperately clinging to the broken structure and trying to make their way to safety, as crowds onshore shouted or swam to try to rescue who had fallen in.

World

Lula defeats Bolsonaro to regain Brazil's presidency

SAO PAULO (AP)—Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has done it again: Twenty years after first winning the Brazilian presidency, the leftist defeated incumbent Jair Bolsonaro Sunday in an extremely tight election that marks an about-face for the country after four years of far-right politics.

With 99.9% of the votes tallied in the runoff vote, da Silva had 50.9% and Bolsonaro 49.1%, and the election authority said da Silva's victory was a mathematical certainty. At about 10 p.m. local time, three hours after the results were in, the lights went out in the presidential palace and Bolsonaro had not conceded nor reacted in any way.

Before the vote, Bolsonaro's campaign had made repeated — unproven — claims of possible electoral manipulation, raising fears that he would not accept defeat and would challenge the results if he lost.

The high-stakes election was a stunning reversal for da Silva, 77, whose imprisonment for corruption sidelined him from the 2018 election that brought Bolsonaro, a defender of conservative social values, to power.

Lula

"Today the only winner is the Brazilian people," da Silva said in a speech at a hotel in downtown Sao Paulo. "This isn't a victory of mine or the Workers' Party, nor the parties that supported me in campaign. It's the victory of a democratic movement that formed above political parties, personal interests and ideologies so that democracy came out victorious."

Da Silva is promising to govern beyond his party. He wants to bring in centrists and even some leaning to the right who voted for him for the first time, and to restore the country's more prosperous past. Yet he faces headwinds in a politically polarized society where economic growth is forecast to slow and inflation remains high.

This was the country's tightest election since its return to democracy in 1985, and the first time that a sitting president failed to win reelection. Just over 2 million votes separated the two candidates; the previous closest race, in 2014, was decided by a margin of roughly 3.5 million votes.

The highly polarized election in Latin America's biggest economy extended a wave of recent leftist victories in the region, including Chile, Colombia and Argentina.

Da Silva's inauguration is scheduled to take place on Jan. 1. He last served as president from 2003-2010.

Thomas Traumann, an independent political analyst, compared the results to Biden's 2020 victory, saying da Silva is inheriting an extremely divided nation.

"The huge challenge that Lula has will be to pacify the country," he said. "People are not only polarized on political matters, but also have different values, identity and opinions. What's more, they don't care what the other side's values, identities and opinions are."

Concerns rise as Russia resumes grain blockade of Ukraine

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—Russia resumed its blockade of Ukrainian ports on Sunday, cutting off urgently needed grain exports to hungry parts of the world in what U.S. President Joe Biden called a "really outrageous" act.

Biden warned that global hunger could increase because of Russia's suspension of a U.N.-brokered deal to allow safe passage of ships carrying grain from Ukraine, one of the world's breadbaskets.

"It's really outrageous," Biden said Saturday in Wilmington, Delaware. "There's no merit to what they're doing. The U.N. negotiated that deal and that should be the end of it."

Biden spoke hours after Russia announced it would immediately halt participation in the grain deal, alleging that Ukraine staged a drone attack Saturday against Russia's Black Sea Fleet off the coast of occupied Crimea. Ukraine has denied the attack, saying that Russia mishandled its own weapons.

Ukraine's Infrastructure Ministry reported Sunday that 218 ships involved in grain exports have been blocked — 22 loaded and stuck at ports, 95 loaded and departed from ports, and 101 awaiting inspections.

One of the blocked ships, carrying 40,000 tons of wheat for Ethiopia under a U.N. aid program, could not leave Ukraine on Sunday as a result of Russia's "blockage of the grain corridor," Oleksandr Kubrakov, Ukraine's minister of infrastructure, said on Twitter. The ship, Ikaria Angel, was stuck in the Black Sea port of Chornomorsk.

The Istanbul-based UN center coordinating the ship passages later said the Ikaria Angel was among six vessels that began moving out but hadn't yet entered a humanitarian corridor. The center reported on plans to move and inspect other ships on Monday but it wasn't clear whether Russia would agree.

The grain initiative — an example of rare wartime cooperation between Ukraine and Russia — has allowed more than 9 million tons of grain in 397 ships to safely leave Ukrainian ports since it was signed in July. U.N. chief António Guterres had urged Russia and Ukraine on Friday to renew the deal when it expires Nov. 19. The grain agreement has brought down global food prices about 15% from their peak in March, according to the U.N.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskky expressed outrage at Russia's decision. Referring to the Ikaria Angel, he said in his nightly video address Sunday, "This bulk ship with wheat for the U.N. food program and other vessels with agricultural products are forced to wait, because Russia is blackmailing the world with hunger."

Two initiatives to revive the grain deal were reported Sunday.

Turkish Defense Minister Hulusi Akar was in talks with his counterparts to "solve the problem and to continue the grain initiative," his agency said, adding that no more grain ships would leave Ukraine but those already waiting near Istanbul would be inspected on Sunday or Monday.

At the United Nations in New York, Guterres delayed a trip by a day to engage in talks aimed at ending Russia's suspension of the grain export deal. Russia also requested a meeting Monday of the U.N. Security Council to discuss the topic.

Life & Style

German climate activists glue themselves to dinosaur display

AP

Two climate activists carrying a banner "What if the government can't handle it?" have stuck themselves to the handrails of a dinosaur at Berlin's Museum of Natural History in Berlin, Germany, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022.

BERLIN (AP)—Two environmental activists glued themselves to a dinosaur display at Berlin's Natural History Museum on Sunday to protest what they said was the German government's failure to properly address the threat of climate change.

The women used superglue to attach themselves to poles holding up the skeleton of a large four-legged dinosaur that lived tens of millions of years ago.

"Unlike the dinosaurs, we hold our fate in our own hands," protester Caris Connell, 34, said as museum visitors milled around the display. "Do we want to go extinct like the dinosaurs, or do we want to survive?"

Fellow activist Solvig Schinkoethe, 42, said that as a mother of four she feared the consequences of the climate crisis.

"This peaceful resistance is the means we have chosen to protect our children from the government's deadly ignorance," she said.

The museum didn't immediately comment on the protest.

The activists were part of the group Uprising of the Last Generation, which has staged numerous demonstrations in recent months, including blocking streets and throwing mashed potatoes at a Claude Monet painting.

'Black Adam' takes top spot at box office again

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP FILM WRITER

" Black Adam," the Dwayne Johnson-fronted DC superhero film, kept its hold on the No. 1 spot at the North American box office in its second weekend in theaters. Down 59% from its launch, and facing little new competition, "Black Adam" added $27.7 million in ticket sales, bringing its domestic total to $111.1 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Johnson spent a decade trying to bring the character to the big screen and has visions for follow-ups involving Superman. But the future of "Black Adam" is not written quite yet, though it's earned $250 million worldwide. The Warner Bros. film carried a hefty price tag of $200 million, not including marketing and promotion costs, and a sequel has not been officially greenlit.

But big changes are afoot at DC—the studio just announced a new leadership team of Peter Safran and James Gunn, whose love for propping up little-known comic book characters is well-documented. And on Sunday, Johnson posted a note to his 344 million Instagram followers about the end of the world press tour, thanking those who worked behind the scenes to launch "our NEW DC FRANCHISE known as BLACK ADAM."

Bucking recent romantic comedy trends, moviegoers remained curious about "Ticket to Paradise," Universal's Julia Roberts and George Clooney destination romp, which fell only 37% in weekend two to claim second place. The genre has not been the most reliable bet at the box office lately, with films like "Bros" stumbling in theaters, but the star power of Roberts and Clooney is proving hard to resist. "Ticket to Paradise" added $10 million from 3,692 North American theaters, bringing its domestic total to $33.7 million. Globally, it's grossed $119.4 million to date.

Horror movies, meanwhile, claimed spots three through five on the weekend before Halloween on Monday. Lionsgate's "Prey for the Devil" opened in third place with $7 million from 2,980 theaters. Notably, it is the only of the three horror films that carried a PG-13 rating. The others were R-rated.

Paramount's "Smile" took fourth place in its fifth weekend with another $5.1 million, bringing its domestic total to $92.4 million (on a $17 million budget), while "Halloween Ends" landed in fifth place in its third weekend with $3.8 million. "Ends," which has grossed $60.3 million in North America, was released simultaneously on NBC Universal's streaming service Peacock.

"This is just another mandate in favor of horror," said Paul Dergarabedian, Comscore's senior media analyst. "It's not just about being in October, horror movies have played well throughout the pandemic. It's a genre that continues to kill it at the box office time and again."

Chinonye Chukwu's Mamie Till-Mobley film "Till" went wide this weekend, adding $2.8 million from 2,058 locations to take seventh place. Boasting a 98% on Rotten Tomatoes, the United Artists Releasing film has gotten good word of mouth with much of it centered on Danielle Deadwyler's performance.

National anthem singer flubs lyrics at World Series opener

HOUSTON (AP)—Grammy-nominated singer Eric Burton lost track of the lyrics during "The Star-Spangled Banner" before Friday night's World Series opener between Houston and Philadelphia.

With players and staff lined up on the field for the traditional pre-game ceremony, and a giant American flag unfurled across the outfield, the Black Pumas band leader went off track on the second line. He sang: "What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last streaming" instead of "gleaming."

He continued correctly with: "Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight." But then, instead of "O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?" he backtracked to "What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last" before again singing "streaming" instead of "gleaming."

Burton then picked up correctly with "And the rocket's red glare, the bomb bursting in air" and finished uneventfully.

Burton performed at last year's televised concert for President Joe Biden's inauguration.

Angry, abusive stepmother is impossible to deal with

DEAR ABBY: I'm having a problem with my husband's judgmental and narcissistic stepmom. She wasn't nice to him or his siblings while they were growing up. My hubby recently had a heart attack. After I called to tell his dad and emailed his siblings, she got very upset with me because I didn't give her the details first so she could disseminate the information. She also demanded to visit immediately after his surgery and got nasty with me on the phone when I told her she couldn't come in with Dad because the hospital allowed only two visitors at a time. Now she won't speak to me or answer emails.

This isn't the first time she has done this. She always looks for the worst and gives no grace. You can't discuss anything with her because she gaslights and takes no responsibility. This affects my husband's relationship with his elderly father, whom she poisons with her vitriol, especially regarding his children by his first wife. She does this with the entire family. She even sends nasty emails to her own children. I'm exhausted from all her drama. What do I do?

EXHAUSTED IN KENTUCKY

DEAR EXHAUSTED: Don't you think it's time to disengage with this unpleasant, controlling woman? If she won't speak with you or answer your emails, thank your higher power and concentrate on the rest of the family. If they're experiencing the same treatment you are, they, too, may be glad to focus on relationships they find rewarding and let her continue to isolate herself.

You cannot fix what's wrong with her, and it may be too late to help your father-in-law, who has tolerated this for years. If another relative can give him important information about your husband, let that person get the message to him if you can't get past his nightmare of a wife.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing a man I'll call "Ken" for six months. We are both widowed. It has been two years for him and three for me. My husband was my childhood sweetheart, and I cherished the ground he walked on. We treated each other like royalty. Ken is a wonderful man who treats me like a queen.

Neither of us wants to live together. I never ask him for anything, but he buys gifts for me and surprises me with them. I love his taste. The problem is, he's falling for me faster than I am for him. He has told me he loves me, but I just can't say it back. I don't know what's keeping me from doing it. Maybe I'm still mourning my husband. What is wrong with me?

PERPLEXED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR PERPLEXED: Nothing is "wrong" with you. Yes, you may still be mourning the loss of your husband and the life you had together. In fact, it may continue to some degree for the rest of your life. Ken sounds like a wonderful man, but after only six months, you two are still getting to know each other. "I love you" implies a commitment you aren't ready to make. Stop second-guessing yourself and let this relationship play out in its own time.

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DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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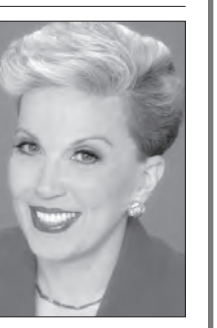

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

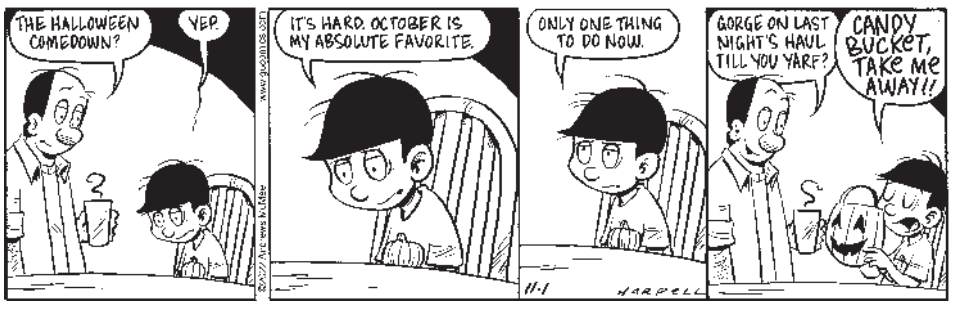
LOOK, HOBBES, I GOT A MYSTERIOUS LETTER! THE RETURN ADDRESS IS A SKULL WITH X-ED OUT EYES!
IT HAS A LOCAL POSTMARK, THOUGH, SO I MUST KNOW THE PERSON.
OH BOY, INTRIGUE!
BUT WHO WOULD SEND ME AN ANONYMOUS, WEIRD LETTER LIKE THIS?
MAYBE A GIRL!
GNAAA! DOESN'T THE POST OFFICE SCREEN ANYTHING?!
I'LL GET YOU SOME GLOVES!

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

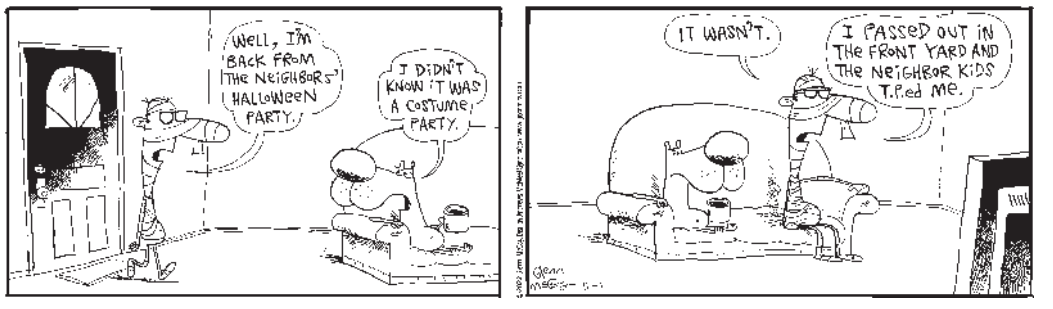
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


THE HALLOWEEN COMEDOWN?
YEP.
IT'S HARD. OCTOBER IS MY ABSOLUTE FAVORITE.
ONLY ONE THING TO DO NOW.
GORGE ON LAST NIGHT'S HAUL TILL YOU YARF?
CANDY BUCKET, TAKE ME AWAY!!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


WELL, I'M BACK FROM THE NEIGHBOR'S HALLOWEEN PARTY.
I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS A COSTUME PARTY.
IT WASN'T.
I PASSED OUT IN THE FRONT YARD AND THE NEIGHBOR KIDS T.P.ed ME.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Crazes
5 Trendy
8 Challenge
12 Theater award
13 Decade parts (Abbr.)
14 Poet Khayyám
15 Start of a spell
16 Growing up
18 Prison officials
20 Dweebs
21 Network with an eye logo
22 Morrison of The Doors
23 Japanese fish dish
26 Roald Dahl heroine
30 Exploit
31 USSR spy org.
32 Take courses?
33 Tennis sessions
36 Sacred song
38 Predetermine
39 Clean the floor
40 Trojan War story
43 Afternoon show
47 Was significant
49 Clay-rich soil
50 Sheltered
51 Rowing tool
52 Craving
53 Orange veggies
54 Single
55 Swift jets

DOWN

1 Froth
2 "Fernando" group
3 Grime
4 Look (for)
5 Choir's repertoire
6 401(k) relatives
7 Calif. clock setting
8 Moolah
9 "Star Wars" actor El-Masry
10 McNally partner
11 Work units
17 Military group
19 Kimono sash
22 Poke
23 Bottom line
24 "Suits" network
25 Congeal
26 Brit. sports cars
27 Grazing land
28 Indian lentil dish
29 $ dispenser
31 Beer barrel
34 Containers for oranges
35 Conceal
36 Soup cooker
37 Kitchen messes
39 Sierra —
40 Noncommittal answer
41 In — land
42 Detail
43 Intend
44 Entre —
45 Bridge position
46 911 responders
48 Kanga's kid

Solution time: 22 mins.

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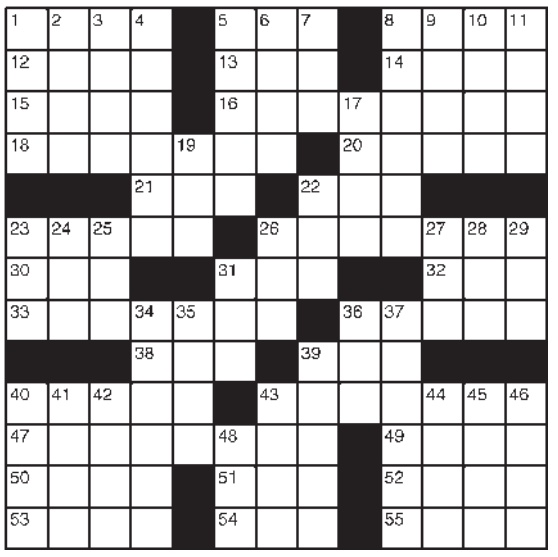
Yesterday's answer 11-1



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Penn Badgley, 36; Natalia Tena, 38; Jenny McCarthy, 50; Anthony Kiedis, 60.

Happy Birthday: Details and truth matter and will influence how well you get along with friends, relatives and peers. Don't invite trouble by trying to force your opinion on others or letting others drag you in a direction that isn't in your best interest. Stay in your lane and do what's best for you. If you want to make a difference, participate. Your numbers are 4, 11, 22, 28, 35, 44, 47.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* You'll be a welcome addition to any group or organization you join. Your ability to get things done, regardless of temptation or opposition, will put you in a critical position. Do what you do best, and the rest will fall into place. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Be secretive regarding your plans until you have everything in place. Someone will be eager to steal your thunder or take advantage of you. Put your energy, intelligence and physical attributes to work for you, and a positive change will be yours. ✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Do what you do best. Ignore what others are doing and concentrate on what you are trying to establish. Refuse to let someone throw you off course or play games with you. A steady pace and solid plan will help you succeed. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Choose to live the dream and do what makes you happy. A creative outlet or getting involved in something that concerns you will bring out your passion for making a difference. Change begins with you. Personal gain is within reach. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* A responsible attitude will pay off and give you the fortitude and freedom to reach your goal. Don't let what others do or say get in the way. Finish what you start, live up to your promises and protect your reputation. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Reach out to friends, relatives and peers, and you'll receive plenty of interesting thoughts to help you move forward. A partnership will face some discord, but it will be easy to achieve success once you establish who does what. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Getting out and about will lift your spirits and encourage you to engage in activities that are creative or family-oriented. A change of scenery will be enlightening, and educational pursuits will present new opportunities. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Problems with electronics and equipment are apparent. Look for alternative ways to compensate for any setback or inconvenience you face. A backup plan will help you stay on track and give you the edge in a competitive situation. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Stay focused. Don't take no for an answer or give up on your dreams. Call on all your resources for information that will give you the edge you need when dealing with slippery characters. Refuse to let hype enthrall you. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Don't be too eager to implement change. Study situations thoroughly before you act. Look for a path that offers something unique or sparks your imagination. A change at home will provide relief and help you find work-related options to eliminate debt. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Watch what's happening around you. Don't let the changes others implement make you scramble to keep up. Time is on your side, and taking a wait-and-see attitude will spare you from loss. Concentrate on health, fitness and keeping the peace. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Don't let anger take over. Look over your investments, money management and contracts to confirm everything is updated. Go the extra mile to avoid complaints. An unexpected change will favor you. Love and romance are in the stars. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are original, unpredictable and forceful. You are sensitive and intuitive.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★ 11/01

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

REPAIRING MY ROOF Solution: 7 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Wigs

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James, Davis help Lakers win for first time this season

LOS ANGELES (AP)—LeBron James scored 26 points and Anthony Davis added 23 to help the Los Angeles Lakers to their first win of the season with a 121-110 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Sunday night.

Russell Westbrook had 18 points for the Lakers (1-5), who had lost their first five games of the season under first-year head coach Darvin Ham. Los Angeles was the last winless team in the NBA.

Ham celebrated in the locker room with his team and received a celebratory dousing of water.

"We needed to prove something to ourselves," Ham said. "Not to the world, not the media. We had to prove it to ourselves. I feel great about how we responded throughout the game."

Westbrook, who came off the bench again and has been accepting of that role, drove the lane and scored on a layup to extend the Lakers lead to 117-106 in the final minutes as the Lakers closed out the win.

In the third quarter, he raised his arms to get fans on their feet and he obliged.

"Like I've mentioned since Day One, whatever is needed from me to help the team win, that's what I'll do," Westbrook said.

Nikola Jockic scored 23 points and Jamal Murray added a season-high 21 for the Nuggets (4-3), who had four of their last five and two straight games before Sunday's loss.

Austin Reaves made a 3-pointer from the top of the arc and Lonnie Walker IV drove the baseline for a dunk to give the Lakers a 113-100 advantage. That 13-point lead was their largest of the season.

AP

Los Angeles Lakers forward Anthony Davis (3) grabs a rebound from Denver Nuggets forward Michael Porter Jr. (1) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022, in Los Angeles.

The Lakers made 13 3-pointers on 13-for-30 shooting after struggling with long-range shots this season in their previous five games. The Nuggets made 15 3-pointers.

Davis was aggressive early after missing one game with lower back tightness and was questionable Sunday but played. He tweaked his back in the game against Denver on Wednesday when the Nuggets beat the Lakers 110-99 in Denver.

Davis, who called Sunday's game a must-win, said he'll have to manage the pain.

"It's day by day," Davis said. "One day, I feel great. The next day (it's hard). Just try to manage it and keep getting treatment."

The Lakers led 55-51 at halftime. They trailed by as many as 10 points in the first quarter but overcame that deficit by halftime.

"They were playing with desperation and I felt like we had them and let it slip away," Nuggets forward Aaron Gordon said.

Charles Barkley recently said that the Lakers are "taking Russell Westbrook's joy out of basketball. When asked about the joy factor, Westbrook said: "One thing I'll never let happen is people outside of my family and people that support me, take my joy. I always have fun and embrace this game and embrace the gift I've been given. Losing is not as much fun. I love seeing my teammates flourish, honestly. I get joy by seeing others do great."

Hall of Famer George Mikan had his jersey retired. His family was there to celebrate the honor and watch No. 99 be unveiled. He's the 11th player to have his jersey retired, along with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Elgin Baylor, Kobe Bryant, Wilt Chamberlain, Gail Goodrich, Magic Johnson, Shaquille O'Neal, Jerry West, Jamaal Wilkes and James Worthy. Worthy was there Sunday and spoke about Mikan.

Mavericks 114, Magic 105

In Dallas, Luka Doncic scored 30 of his season-high 44 points in the first half and the Dallas Mavericks rebounded from a collapse a night earlier by beating the Orlando Magic 114-105 on Sunday night.

Rookie Paolo Banchero was held to 18 points for the Magic, the first time this season the No. 1 pick in the draft has failed to reach 20. His six-game streak was tied for the third-longest to begin a career.

Tim Hardaway Jr. added a season-best 21 points off the bench for the Mavericks, who lost to Oklahoma City in overtime Saturday after blowing a 16-point lead in the final four minutes of regulation.

Banchero shot 6 for 20 from the field, going 1 of 6 on 3-pointers. Bol Bol added 16 points.

Pelicans 112, Clippers 91

In Los Angeles, Zion Williamson had 21 points and 12 rebounds in his return and New Orleans routed Los Angeles.

CJ McCollum added 22 points to help the Pelicans improve to 4-2. Williamson was out the last two games with a right hip and lower back contusion, one of three starters to have missed last two games.

Norman Powell had 18 points off the bench for the Clippers. Paul George added 14 points and Marcus Morris had 12. With Kawhi Leonard again sidelined, the Clippers dropped their fourth in a row. Leonard missed his fourth game because of knee stiffness and also will sit out Monday night against Houston.

Suns 124, Rockets 109

In Phoenix, Devin Booker scored 30 points, Cam Johnson added 19 and Phoenix beat Houston for its fourth straight victory.

Booker shot 14 of 24 from the field on his 26th birthday, while fellow All-Star Chris Paul had a season-high 15 assists.

Booker scored 21 points in the first half on 10-of-16 shooting, pushing the Suns to a 65-56 advantage. Jock Landale scored all of his 16 points before the break.

Kevin Porter Jr. led the Rockets with 26 points. Alperen Sengun added 16 points and nine rebounds.

Pistons 128, Warriors 114

In Detroit, Saddiq Bey scored 28 points, Cade Cunningham was an assist short of a triple-double and Detroit beat defending champion Golden State to end a five-game losing streak.

Cunningham had 23 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists to help the Pistons won for the first time since their opening game. Isaiah Stewart added 24 points and 13 rebounds as Detroit's starters scored 111 points.

Steph Curry had 32 points and Jordan Poole added 30 for Golden State, coming off a 120-113 overtime loss in Charlotte on Saturday.

Cavaliers 121, Knicks 108

In Cleveland, Donovan Mitchell had 38 points and a season-high 12 assists, Kevin Love scored 16 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter and Cleveland rallied to beat the New York.

Mitchell and Love combined for 28 points in the final period as Cleveland outscored New York 37-15. Love made five 3-pointers and Mitchell scored 12 points — both also had four-point plays — in rallying the Cavaliers from a nine-point deficit.

Jalen Brunson had 12 points and three assists in the third, giving the Knicks their largest lead at 93-84. Brunson and Evan Fournier finished with 16 points apiece, while Julius Randle and RJ Barrett each had 15 for New York.

Celtics 112, Wizards 94

In Boston, Jaylen Brown scored 24 points and Boston took advantage of cold shooting by Bradley Beal to beat Washington.

Jayson Tatum had 23 points, including five 3-pointers, and Malcolm Brogdon added 21 points off the bench to help Boston avoid its third straight loss. The Celtics made 21 3-pointers.

Kristaps Porzingis scored 17 points for the Wizards. Beal missed his first 11 shots and was scoreless until the third quarter before finishing with 12 points and eight assists.

Spurs 107, Timberwolves 98

In San Antonio, Keldon Johnson scored 25 points, Doug McDermott added 23 and San Antonio beat Minnesota for the second time in a week.

Karl-Anthony Towns led Minnesota with 26 points and Anthony Edwards had 18. Rudy Gobert was held to nine points and 12 rebounds.

Irving says he embraces all religions, defends right to post

NEW YORK (AP)—Kyrie Irving said Saturday he embraced all religions, defiantly defending his right to post whatever he believes after the owner of the Brooklyn Nets said he was disappointed that Irving appeared to back an antisemitic film.

"We're in 2022. History is not supposed to be hidden from anybody and I'm not a divisive person when it comes to religion," Irving said during a tense postgame press conference. "I embrace all walks of life."

Nets owner Joe Tsai said Friday he was disappointed that Irving appeared to support a film "based on a book full of antisemitic disinformation." The star guard for the Nets posted a link for the film "Hebrews to Negroes: Wake Up Black America" on Twitter on Thursday. The synopsis on Amazon said the film "uncovers the true identity of the Children of Israel."

"The organization has spoken to Kyrie about it," Nets coach Steve Nash said before their loss to Indiana, not divulging specifics of what that meant.

But nothing that was said will stop Irving from what he wants to share.

"I'm not going to stand down on anything I believe in," he said. "I'm only going to get stronger because I'm not alone. I have a whole army around me."

Irving said he understood Tsai's position but was quick to say that he did nothing harmful, adding that just because he posts about something doesn't necessarily means he supports it.

"Did I do anything illegal? Did I hurt anybody?" Irving said. "Did I harm anybody? Am I going out and saying that I hate one specific group of people?"

But he went far enough that the Nets and the NBA spoke out against hate speech.

Tsai and the Nets reacted quickly to the latest trouble stirred up by Irving, who had previously supported the idea of the Earth being flat and last month on social media shared an old clip from conspiracy theorist Alex Jones — though Irving clarified that he didn't stand with Jones when it came to anything regarding the shootings at Sandy Hook.

"I want to sit down and make sure he understands this is hurtful to all of us, and as a man of faith, it is wrong to promote hate based on race, ethnicity or religion," Tsai wrote on Twitter regarding Irving.

The NBA on Saturday said "hate speech of any kind is unacceptable."

"We believe we all have a role to play in ensuring such words or ideas, including antisemitic ones, are challenged and refuted and we will continue working with all members of the NBA community to ensure that everyone understands the impact of their words and actions," the league said.

It was not clear if that meant the league has spoken to Irving, or plans to speak to him on the matter.

Irving was unavailable for most of the Nets' home games last season because he refused to be vaccinated against COVID-19, as was mandated in New York City. The Nets then declined to give him a contract extension this summer, meaning Irving could be in his final season with the team.

"The Brooklyn Nets strongly condemn and have no tolerance for the promotion of any form of hate speech," the team said in a statement. "We believe that in these situations, our first action must be open, honest dialogue. We thank those, including the ADL, who have been supportive during this time."

Nash was asked Saturday if he felt if the latest Irving storyline was a distraction to the team.

"I don't think our group is overly affected by the situation," Nash said. "We've had so many situations over the last 2 1/2 years that I think we've kind of built an immunity to some of it. I also think our guys aren't that familiar with the material."

McCaffrey does it all, leads 49ers to another win over Rams

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP)— Christian McCaffrey became the 11th player in NFL history with a rushing touchdown, a passing touchdown and a receiving touchdown in one game, and the San Francisco 49ers extended their regular-season mastery over the Rams to four full years with a 31-14 victory over Los Angeles on Sunday.

McCaffrey threw a 34-yard TD pass to Brandon Aiyuk in the first half, caught a TD pass from Jimmy Garoppolo in the third quarter and then put the Niners (4-4) in control with a TD run early in the fourth.

Garoppolo passed for 235 yards and two touchdowns as San Francisco scored 24 unanswered points to finish its eighth consecutive regular-season victory over its NFC West rivals.

McCaffrey finished with 94 yards rushing and 55 yards receiving in his second game with the Niners. LaDainian Tomlinson was the last player with rushing, passing and receiving TDs in the same game, doing it for San Diego back in 2005.

The 49ers outbid the Rams (3-4) last week in a trade for McCaffrey's services, and the versatile running back showed Los Angeles exactly what it missed.

Bills 27, Packers 17

In Orchard Park, N.Y., Stefon Diggs ran his mouth before running past Green Bay's secondary as Buffalo handed the Packers their worst start eight games into a season under Aaron Rodgers.

Diggs began by exchanging words before and after pregame warmups in the tunnel with Packers cornerback Jaire Alexander. He then burned Green Bay with six catches for 108 yards and a 26-yard touchdown.

The AFC-leading Bills (6-1) never trailed in winning their fourth straight and matching their best start to a season since 1993.

Josh Allen finished 13 of 25 for 218 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions. He added 49 yards rushing.

Seahawks 27, Giants 13

In Seattle, Tyler Lockett caught a 33-yard touchdown pass from Geno Smith with 9:18 left and Seattle won its third straight.

The only matchup of teams with winning records in the NFL this week was a slugfest until the fourth quarter, when Lockett made up for two big mistakes earlier in the game and Seattle rookie running back Kenneth Walker III finally broke free, helping the surprising Seahawks (5-3) stay atop the NFC West.

New York (6-2) saw its four-game win streak snapped entering its bye week and lost ground to undefeated Philadelphia in the NFC East — largely because the Seahawks corralled Saquon Barkley, who was held to a season-low 53 yards on 20 carries and had three catches for 9 yards.

Lockett lost a fumble in the first half and dropped what would have been a 33-yard touchdown in the third quarter. But he came through on the Seahawks' go-ahead drive.

Falcons 37, Panthers 34, OT

In Atlanta, Younghoe Koo booted a 41-yard field goal in overtime after Carolina's Eddy Piñeiro missed a pair of kicks that could've won it, giving Atlanta an improbable victory.

The teams combined for three touchdowns in the final 3:06 of regulation before a silly penalty by the Panthers' D.J. Moore opened the door for the Falcons (4-4) to pull it out and stay alone atop the NFC South.

With the Falcons up 34-28, Carolina (2-6) appeared to have won the game in stunning fashion when Moore hauled in a 62-yard touchdown heave from P.J. Walker with 12 seconds remaining.

But Moore ripped off his helmet during a raucous celebration in the end zone, resulting in a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. That pushed back the extra point to a 48-yard attempt, and Piñeiro pulled it left of the upright.

Carolina had another chance to win in OT after C.J. Henderson returned an interception 54 yards to the Falcons 20. But Piñeiro botched another kick, yanking a wobbler left again from 32 yards out — shorter than a regular extra point.

Cowboys 49, Bears 29

In Arlington, Texas, Dak Prescott threw for two touchdowns and ran for another, Micah Parsons returned a fumble for his first NFL score and Dallas beat Chicago.

Tony Pollard ran for 131 yards and three TDs with Ezekiel Elliott sidelined by a right knee injury as the Cowboys (6-2) made it 2-for-2 in a four-game stretch against the NFC North.

Justin Fields rallied the Bears (3-5) within five after trailing 28-7. But he made a big gaffe by jumping over Parsons after the star linebacker's fumble recovery instead of touching him down. Parsons got up, stumbled and rolled over the goal line for a 36-yard touchdown that made it 42-23.

AP

Carolina Panthers wide receiver DJ Moore removes his helmet after catching a touchdown pass during the second half of an NFL football game against the Atlanta Falcons Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022, in Atlanta.

The Cowboys scored touchdowns on their first four possessions for the first time since 2014. Prescott opened the scoring with a 7-yard run. Prescott's two TD passes, including one to CeeDee Lamb, came on either side of Pollard's first score.

Pollard had a 54-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter.

Eagles 35, Steelers 13

In Philadelphia, Jalen Hurts threw three touchdown passes to A.J Brown in the first half and finished with 285 yards and four TDs overall as unbeaten Philadelphia raced past Pittsburgh.

Brown had six receptions for 156 yards. The Eagles are 7-0 for the second time in franchise history and first since 2004, when Donovan McNabb and Terrell Owens led them to the Super Bowl.

Rookie Kenny Pickett showed more short-term growing pains for the Steelers (2-6) and was 25 of 38 for 191 yards and an interception. Wide receiver Chase Claypool threw a 1-yard pass to fullback Derek Watt on a trick play in the first quarter for Pittsburgh's only touchdown.

Brown became the first receiver since Tennessee's Drew Bennett in 2004 with three receiving touchdowns of 25-plus yards in the first half. Hurts hit Brown from 39 yards, 27 and 29 yards for a 21-10 halftime lead.

Vikings 34, Cardinals 26

In Minneapolis. Za'Darius Smith had three sacks to help Minnesota's defense hang on and the Vikings beat Arizona for their fifth consecutive victory.

Dalvin Cook rushed for a season-high 111 yards and a touchdown and Kirk Cousins passed for two scores and ran for another for the Vikings (6-1), who stayed unbeaten at home in coach Kevin O'Connell's rookie year.

Kyler Murray passed for 326 yards and a season-high three touchdowns, including a one-handed grab for a score by DeAndre Hopkins with 47 seconds left in the second quarter, but he threw two second-half interceptions for the Cardinals (3-5).

The Vikings went 31 yards in four plays for a touchdown after the first one, a dangerous heave by Murray under pressure from his own end zone.

Patriots 22, Jets 17

In East Rutherford, N.J., Bill Belichick passed George Halas for second place on the NFL's career coaching victories list and New England beat New York for the 13th straight time.

Devin McCourty had two of the Patriots' three interceptions of Zach Wilson, Nick Folk kicked five field goals against his former team and New England (4-4) slowed the surprising Jets (5-3), who had won four in a row.

Belichick got his 325th win, including playoffs, and now trails only Don Shula (347).

Mac Jones, who was benched in Monday night's loss to Chicago rookie Bailey Zappe, finished 24 of 35 for 194 yards with a touchdown to Jakobi Meyers and an interception.

Commanders 17, Colts 16

In Indianapolis, Taylor Heinicke scored on a 1-yard plunge with 22 seconds left, capping an 89-yard drive in the final 2 1/2 minutes and sending Washington past Indianapolis.

Indy native Terry McLaurin set up the decisive score by wrestling the ball away from Stephon Gilmore for a 33-yard catch one play before Heinicke scored. Washington (4-4) has won three straight.

Indy (3-4-1) managed only one TD in Sam Ehlinger's first career start. He took over at quarterback this week when coach Frank Reich benched veteran Matt Ryan.

The Commanders carried a 7-3 lead into the second half. But Chase McLaughlin's third field goal of the day, a 20-yarder, gave Indy a 9-7 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Dolphins 31, Lions 27

In Detroit, Tua Tagovailoa threw a go-ahead, 11-yard touchdown pass to Mike Gesicki late in the third quarter to cap Miami's rally from a double-digit, second-half deficit to beat Detroit.

The Dolphins (5-3) have won two straight since Tagovailoa returned from a concussion. The Lions (1-6) have lost five in a row.

Detroit scored on all five of its possessions in the first half to lead 27-17 after scoring a total of six points in its previous two games.

The Dolphins took their first lead late in the third on Tagovailoa's pass to Gesicki, who was wide open in the end zone, to score on a fifth straight possession.

Tagovailoa was 29 of 36 for 382 yards with three touchdowns, including two to Jaylen Waddle, who had eight catches for 106 yards. Tyreek Hill had 12 receptions for 188 yards for the Dolphins.

Titans 17, Texans 10

In Houston, Derrick Henry dominated Houston again, running for 219 yards and two touchdowns to carry Tennessee.

It was Henry's fourth straight 200-yard game against the Texans, making him the first player in NFL history to have at least 150 yards and two touchdowns on the ground in four consecutive games against the same opponent. The 28-year-old has six 200-yard games in his career, tying O.J. Simpson and Adrian Peterson for the most in NFL history.

With rookie quarterback Malik Willis making his first start for the injured Ryan Tannehill, the AFC South-leading Titans (5-2) went to Henry early and often. He ripped off a season-long 41-yard run on his second carry of the game and never looked back against Houston's NFL-worst run defense.

Henry had a season-high 32 carries and touchdown runs of 29 yards and 1 yard to help the Titans build a 14-3 lead.

Broncos 21, Jaguars 17

In London, Latavius Murray scored on a 2-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter, and Denver beat Jacksonville at Wembley Stadium to snap a four-game skid.

Russell Wilson led two go-ahead scoring drives in the second half. Wilson finished 18 for 30 for 252 yards with a touchdown and interception after missing the Broncos' previous game with a hamstring injury.

The embattled quarterback looked rusty early, but connected on a 47-yard completion to KJ Hamler after the Broncos fell behind 17-14 on Travis Etienne's 1-yard touchdown run with 3:54 to play. Wilson then scrambled for 10 yards on a third-and-5 to get to the Jacksonville 28.

The late score gave Murray a touchdown for two different teams this month in London. He ran for a score for New Orleans earlier this month at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

Saints 24, Raiders 0

In New Orleans, Alvin Kamara scored his first three touchdowns of the season and New Orleans shut out Las Vegas.

Kamara converted short receptions into touchdowns of 36 and 16 yards for the Saints (3-5). He also rushed for a 3-yard score.

Andy Dalton justified the Saints' decision to start him for a fifth straight game despite season-opening starter Jameis Winston having recovered enough from back and ankle injuries to be a full participant in practice this week.

Dalton was 22 of 30 for 229 yards and two TDs. His top receiver was Kamara, who had nine receptions for 96 yards to go with his 62 yards rushing.

Dandan beats Garapan black and blue in women's hoops

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Dandan left Garapan biting its dust, 45-25, in the women's division of the 2022 Marianas Village Pride Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai.

Connie Camacho led Dandan from the get-go with her veteran leadership as they took a 19-10 lead at the half.

The many time national cager then let her younger teammates take the reins in the second half, as Dandan cruised to the 20-point win.

Camacho led all scorers with 10 points, while Mini Games 3-time gold medal-winning weightlifter Antonette Labausa backed her up with 7 markers of her own. Marlene Lumabi scored 9 points in the loss for Garapan.

MARK RABAGO

Dandan's Kina Rangamar drives against Garapan's Mikayla Lopez in the women's division of the 2022 Marianas Village Pride Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium

In the first game, Kagman nipped Tanapag, 28-25, in the boys U13 division thanks to the last-gasp field goal of James Enriquez and split free throws by Liam Wilson.

It was a tight game right from the opening tip with Kagman nosing out Tanapag, 14-11, at the break.

It was a dogfight until the end with Kagman managing the victory with Wilson leading the charge with his 11 markers. Dale Garcia matched Wilson's 11 points in the loss for Tanapag.

In the day's final game, Koblerville shook off a stubborn Navy Hill team, starting in the second half, 50-38, in the boys U18 age group.

Both teams battled tooth and nail in the first 20 minutes of action with Koblerville managing to take a slim 22-20 lead.

Navy Hill forgot their running shoes come the second half, as they couldn't keep up with Koblerville in the final 20 minutes of the contest and they were buried by an avalanche of points.

Airson Atan frocliked all game long and finished with a season-high 26 points, while Matthew Lucas chipped in 12. Sean Garcia poured in 15 for Navy Hill in the setback.

The 2022 Marianas Village Pride Basketball League is being run by the Northern Mariana Islands Basketball Federation.

First Game

Kagman 28 – Wilson 11, Enriquez 4, Pangelinan 3, Matsumoto 2, Defang 2, Viola 2, Camacho 2.

Tanapag 25 – Garcia 11, Rectitud 8, Esdrelon 2, Ansus 2.

Scoring by halves: 14-11, 28-25.

Second Game

Dandan 45 – Co. Camacho 10, Labausa 7, L. Rangamar 6, Simram 5, K. Camacho 4, Deleon Guerero 3, Eunice 2, Jill 2, Ramani 2, Ca. Camacho 2.

Garapan 25 – Lumabi 9, Castillo 6, Kautz 4, Mi. Lopez 4, Ma. Lopez 2, Garon 2.

Scoring by halves: 19-10, 45-25.

Third Game

Koblerville 50 – Atan 26, Lucas 12, Matteo 9, Ichiro 7, Igisomar 2, Wabol 2.

Navy Hill 38 – Garcia 15, Eugenio 8, Rizo 7, Piano 4, Xue 4.

Scoring by halves: 22-20, 50-38.

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Lam, a 33-year-old software engineer who is visiting family, said that this is his first 5K run on Saipan.

"Being in first place feels good, but I'm here to have fun and meet people and just hang out with other runners [because] that's always fun… Maybe I'll be back next year [and] I'll try to beat my own record."

About his costume, he said that "I'm currently visiting my parents. I grew up here and I'm staying at my parents house and I needed a costume. I found this somewhere deep in a closet; it was my costume from high school, so I'm just making use of it."

In the women's division, Rosemarie Chisato, dressed up as a zombie of some sort, came in first place with a time of 24:51; second place went to Terra Allen with a time of 26:25; and third place went to Heather Brook with a time of 26:29.

For the Halloween Costume contest, all who dressed up and completed the run were eligible for the three categories: the funniest, scariest, and most creative costume.

Leo Wania won the funniest costume as he was dressed up in a blowup sumo wrestler costume; Marcelita Maglalang won the scariest costume category as she was dressed in an all black hand-made costume of a trash bag filled with used COVID-19 masks, an unnamed runner won the most creative costume category, dressed up as a fairy godmother made from recyclable items.

Wania told *Saipan Tribune* that the inspiration for his costume was the fact that he likes the sport of sumo wrestling and was channeling Hakuhō Shō, his favorite sumo wrestler.

For Maglalang's costume, she said she is happy that the pandemic is over, hence the inspiration for her garbage bag of masks and makeshift gravestone she carried with her that says "CNMI COVID-19 Free."

LEIGH GASES

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Rotaract Club of Saipan president Richard Baleares said they've always wanted to do a fun run since last year when former Interact of the Philippines member, Ricky Castro, gave them the idea.

Baleares added that the "reason why we want to do this fun run is so we can promote cardiovascular activity and a better lifestyle… I love how the community is engaging and are starting to make small changes in their lifestyle, especially with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' Fit to Lead initiative and with all the other 5Ks and run events that Run Saipan has been doing, so promoting a healthy lifestyle is definitely one of the seven areas of focus of Rotary International and want to target that. But also at the same time, we also wanted to raise funds for community service projects, as well as contribute a portion of the proceeds to Rotary International's Polio Plus… Earlier this week was World Polio Day and it's been an effort for Rotary International to eradicate polio for the past couple of decades."

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	4	2	.667	—
New York	3	3	.500	1
Toronto	3	3	.500	1
Philadelphia	3	4	.429	1½
Brooklyn	1	5	.167	3

Southeast Division

Atlanta	4	2	.667	—
Washington	3	3	.500	1
Charlotte	3	3	.500	1
Miami	2	5	.286	2½
Orlando	1	6	.143	3½

Central Division

Milwaukee	5	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	5	1	.833	½
Chicago	3	4	.429	3
Indiana	3	4	.429	3
Detroit	2	5	.286	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Memphis	4	2	.667	½
San Antonio	5	2	.714	—
New Orleans	4	2	.667	½
Dallas	3	3	.500	1½
Houston	1	6	.143	4

Northwest Division

Portland	5	1	.833	—
Utah	5	2	.714	½
Minnesota	4	3	.571	1½
Denver	4	3	.571	1½
Oklahoma City	3	3	.500	2

Pacific Division

Phoenix	5	1	.833	—
Golden State	3	4	.429	2½
L.A. Clippers	2	4	.333	3
Sacramento	1	4	.200	3½
L.A. Lakers	1	5	.167	4

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	6	1	0	.857	203	98
Miami	5	3	0	.625	178	192
N.Y. Jets	5	3	0	.625	176	159
New England	4	4	0	.500	177	163

South

Tennessee	5	2	0	.714	132	138
Indianapolis	3	4	1	.438	129	157
Jacksonville	2	6	0	.250	172	158
Houston	1	5	1	.214	116	154

North

Baltimore	5	3	0	.625	208	183
Cincinnati	4	3	0	.571	173	132
Cleveland	2	5	0	.286	168	186
Pittsburgh	2	6	0	.250	120	197

West

Kansas City	5	2	0	.714	223	172
L.A. Chargers	4	3	0	.571	164	189
Denver	3	5	0	.375	121	132
Las Vegas	2	5	0	.286	163	174

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Philadelphia	7	0	0	1.000	196	118
Dallas	6	2	0	.750	183	133
N.Y. Giants	6	2	0	.750	163	157
Washington	4	4	0	.500	142	172

South

Atlanta	4	4	0	.500	200	205
New Orleans	3	5	0	.375	199	200
Tampa Bay	3	5	0	.375	146	151
Carolina	2	6	0	.250	158	186

North

Minnesota	6	1	0	.857	173	144
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	155	181
Green Bay	3	5	0	.375	145	173
Detroit	1	6	0	.143	173	225

West

Seattle	5	3	0	.625	210	199
San Francisco	4	4	0	.500	176	147
L.A. Rams	3	4	0	.429	118	157
Arizona	3	5	0	.375	182	210

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anas Pacific Mini Games 2022 on Rota.

Truth be told, Castro confessed that he and his family were supposed to bid Saipan adieu a couple of years earlier, but they postponed their relocation to the U.S. mainland so he can help with the Mini Games.

"Actually, we were planning to leave in 2021 but since the Pacific Mini Games was moved to 2022 I didn't want to leave my responsibilities to the CNMI's hosting of the quadrennial event."

On what awaits him in California, Castro said he's keeping his options open, but preferably he still wants a job in the insurance industry.

Prior to working for Trader's Insurance for 15 years, Castro was first employed at Marianas Insurance Co.

He said he will forever be indebted to the Cabrera and Mendoza families who own Marianas Insurance and Trader's Insurance, respectively.

"Both families helped me a lot in my professional and personal life," he said.

TRAC president Manny Sitchon said Castro moving off-island is definitely a big loss to the organization.

"But people need to move on. You can't prevent people from seeking greener pastures. His parents are already there so they will all be together again."

"Good luck and I'm sure he will find greener pastures in the Land of Opportunity. He is still young and there's still plenty of opportunities there. We really want to thank him a lot because of all his contributions to TRAC and the triathlon community in the CNMI. He was critical in helping TRAC become a member of Oceania Triathlon and WTO," he added.

Sitchon said TRAC will hold elections before the end of November to choose a new secretary general and add new officials.

The 54-year-old Castro has three children with his wife, Marissa: Erico Mari, Marco Paulo, and Mark Enzo.

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more goal up her sleeve as she scored the fifth and final score of the game just two minutes later. MPU FC had no gas left in their tank as they finished the game empty.

Shirley's FC 3, Paire FC 2

In a close game against Division A's Shirley's Football Club and Paire, Shirley's managed to nose out Paire, 3-2.

Shirley's Marrielle Gariguez broke through the net in the eighth minute and just 10 minutes later, teammate Mikayla Lopez brought them up, 2-0.

Paire finally found their footing in the 22nd minute to bring them to a 2-1 game. However, Gariguez scored her second goal and the team's last point in the 23rd minute.

Paire still had a chance to catch up but it was too late as Paire's Sharlette Casil scored their second and last goal in the 48th minute for a final score of 3-2.

James, Davis help Lakers win for first time this season

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Rotaract 5K Hallowen run draws 45

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In the words of Andrew Gold, all things spooky, scary skeletons—45 of them—made their way to the Garapan Fishing Base last Saturday to celebrate Halloween and run for a good cause in the first 5K Fun Run and Halloween Costume Contest hosted by the Rotaract Club of Saipan with the help of Run Saipan.

Off the starting gate, a scary clown, a pink Squid Game character, a Jurassic Park-themed couple with their dog dressed as a T-Rex, a sumo wrestler, witches, zombies, superheroes, anime characters, and the like ran down the length of Beach Road from the Garapan Fishing base up to the Quartermaster Road turn-around point and back.

In the end, the Top 3 men and Top 3 women winners for the fastest 5K run were awarded with prizes and the first ever Rotaract Club of Saipan finisher medal.

Christian Lam, dressed up as a priest, came in first place with a time of 20:07, which is the fastest 5K time in any of the 5K runs held on Saipan. Second place was barefoot runner Chong Nam Lee with a time of 22:34, while third place was Shigeki Tenorio with a time of 22:47.

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LEIGH GASES

The 45 participants of the inaugural Halloween 5K Fun Run hosted by Rotaract Club of Saipan and Run Saipan pose for a photo in the starting line of the race last Saturday at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Southern United FC silences MPU FC in women's soccer

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Southern United Football Club silenced MPU Football Club, 5-0, in Week 2 of the Flores-Pee Luwal (Intermediate) Division A in the 2022 Dove Women's League last Oct. 23 at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Keisha Deleon Guerrero of Southern United was the star of the game as she rolled the ball past the goalie four out of the five times Southern United scored. She completed the hat-trick 42 minutes in and was immediately followed by teammate Kina Rangamar.

Deleon Guerrero had one

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Southern United MP player, left is seen in a game during a Flores-Pee Luwal (Intermediate) Division of the 2022 Dove Women's League last Oct. 23 at the Northern Mariana Islands Soccer Training Center in Koblerville

TRAC honors secretary general Castro

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The Triathlon Association of the CNMI honored secretary general Ricky Castro with a plaque of appreciation last Saturday during his going-away picnic at one of the native pavilions in Susupe.

Castro and his family are leaving Saipan tomorrow after making the island their home the past 26 years. They will be relocating to San Francisco, California.

"I just want to thank my friends from TRAC and Northern Mariana Islands Cycling Federation and Saipa Tennis Association for the years of camaraderie and friendly competition," he said.

Aside from one of the leading voices at TRAC, Castro is also an official at NMICF and used to be an avid tennis player and member and officer of STA before a persistent shoulder injury forced him to slow down.

"I'm surely going to miss the parties like these in the *pala-pala,* other gatherings, Saipan's fine weather, and of course the sports events," added the Olongapo City, Philippines native.

Castro, who was instrumental in helping TRAC become a member of Oceania Triathlon and an associate member of World Triathlon Organization, got his start in triathlon by organizing bike races first.

"My eldest son Erico started participating in competitive bike races and I was also able to organize some bike races. This progressed to organizing a triathlon club that eventually took over from the Northern Mariana Islands Triathlon Federation, which became inactive," he said.

Castro said he will forever be grateful to former NMITF president Russ Quinn for giving them the blessing to take over the triathlon federation of the CNMI, which included some seed money to jumpstart local triathlons.

Castro said aside from helping TRAC become part of Oceania Triathlon and the World Triathlon Organization, he's also proud of serving as site manager of the triathlon competition of last June's Northern Mari-

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Triathlon Association of the CNMI secretary general Ricky Castro holds up the plaque of appreciation bestowed to him by the group during a going-away picnic last Saturday at one of the native pavilions in Susupe.